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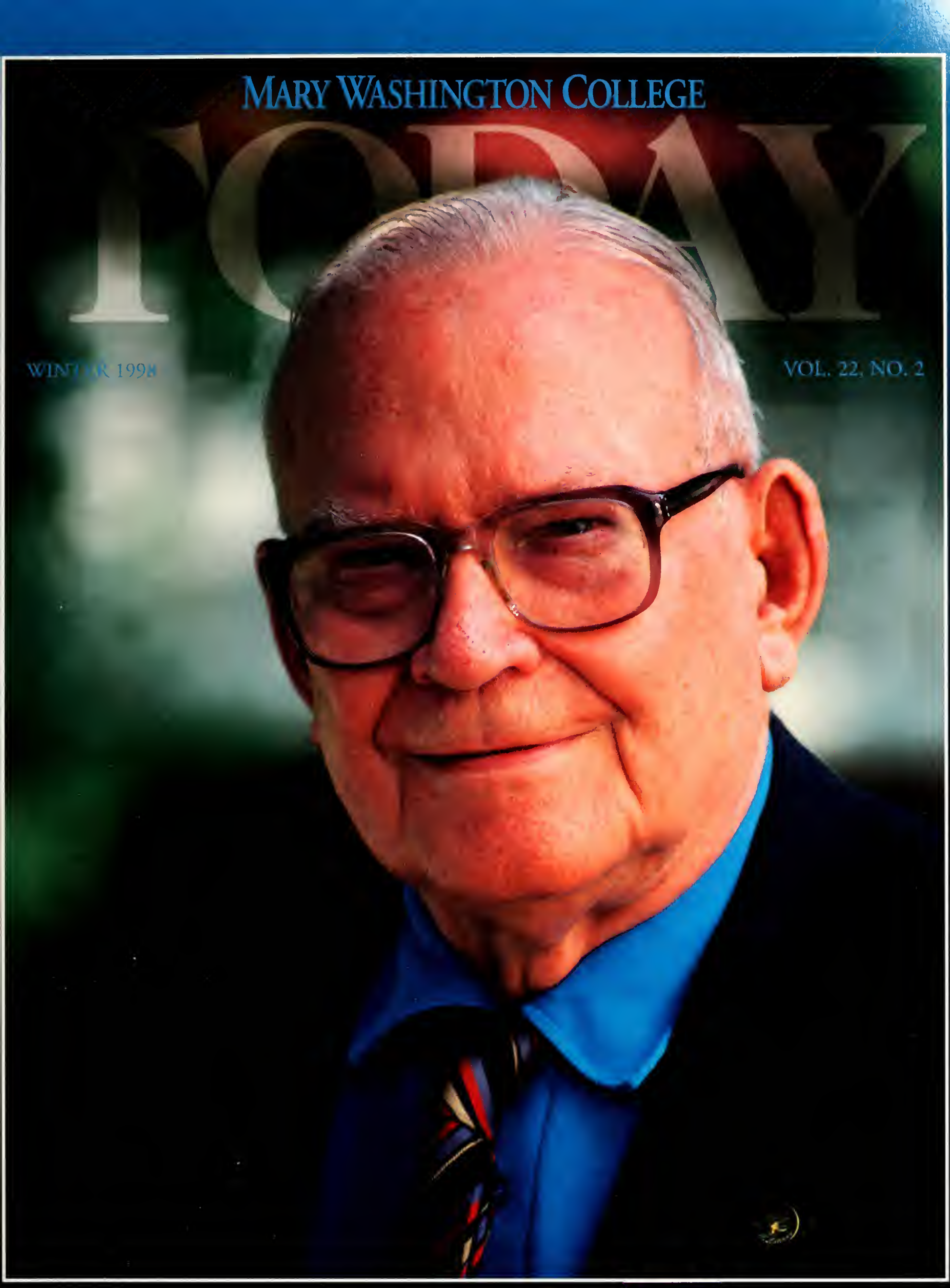

Grellet C. Simpson 1909-1997

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The death of Grellet C. Simpson on December 24, 1997, at the age of 88 marked the passing of one of the most influential, and most revered, figures in the history of Mary Washington College. Owing to his dual emphasis upon liberal education and academic excellence, his presidency of the College from 1956 to 1974 established the mission and set the standards that have guided the institution to this day.

The holder of a doctorate in English from the University of Virginia, Dr. Simpson came to Mary Washington from Randolph-Macon College, where he had earned acclaim both as a dynamic teacher, specializing in Chaucer, and as an effective administrator, having served as dean of the faculty.

Taking office amidst the relative tranquility of the mid-1950s, Dr. Simpson could scarcely have anticipated the tumultuous social and cultural developments soon to unfold — developments that would inevitably, either directly or subtly, affect higher education. That Mary Washington College was able not only to survive those turbulent times, but to emerge even stronger, was largely attributable to Dr. Simpson's enlightened and forceful leadership — to his combination of flexibility on issues where compromise was possible and sturdy resolve on issues where constancy was needed.

He did not lack challenges; in fact, he was destined to be faced with three of the most significant issues in the College's history. First there was racial integration of the student body. This he promoted, and the process went smoothly at MWC, quite in contrast to some other Southern institutions.

Second, there was coeducation, which began in 1970. In this instance Dr. Simpson's approach was more one of acquiescence than advocacy. His main concern was that the process not lead to a diminution of academic standards — and it did not.

Third, in 1972, there was separation from the University of Virginia. Dr. Simpson regarded this as not only inevitable but desirable, and he worked effectively to establish MWC quickly and firmly as an independent entity with its own niche in the Commonwealth's system of higher education.

During his tenure the College's physical facilities expanded with the construction of four residence halls, a science building, and a gymnasium. The curriculum, too, was augmented with the incorporation of new majors such as art history, religion, anthropology, economics, physics, and geography, and several interdisciplinary programs including pre-foreign service and American studies.

The academic program was not only extended in scope but also increased in rigor, as attested by the establishment of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter on campus in 1970. Moreover, presaging the College's current emphasis on global studies, Dr. Simpson actively advocated study abroad for MWC students and international exchange programs for faculty.

All the while, Dr. Simpson worked diligently (albeit in his characteristically genteel fashion) to reform and refocus the College internally. For students, this meant both greater freedom and more responsibility as social regulations were relaxed — including in particular the elimination of the dress code and the expansion of dormitory visitation, both of which provoked considerable controversy at the time. For faculty, it meant a greater voice in institutional governance, as well as reduced teaching loads and increased support for research.

In his dealings with students and faculty alike, Dr. Simpson's educational ideals were evident. He viewed the College as a place dedicated to unfettered intellectual inquiry, united in this common pursuit, and governed fundamentally by each member's personal integrity — or, as he once put it, by the tacit agreement that all obey that which is unenforceable.

If such an approach suggested an "ivory tower" philosophy — and Dr. Simpson would have doubtlessly pleaded *mea culpa* — it nonetheless worked, and the College on the Hill was strikingly transformed.

Today Mary Washington honors Dr. Simpson's memory in many ways, each an appropriate tribute to his special interests and particular contributions: the Grellet and Dorothy Simpson Series in Medieval Literature (co-named for his gracious and devoted wife, who died in 1995); the Simpson Summer Institute; the Simpson International Scholarship; the Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching; and, of course, the Simpson Library.

His greater legacy, however, transcends these tangible memorials to encompass nothing less than the essence of the College itself. Though the institution has been enhanced in diverse and important ways by his presidential successors — first Prince B. Woodard and now William M. Anderson Jr. — the soul of the College remains his.

Indeed, Dr. Simpson's most lasting legacy is the living testament of the thousands of graduates whose lives have been forever enriched by the institution that he, in no small measure, created — an institution even yet animated by his spirit and dedicated to his ideals.

William B. Crawley Jr.
Historian of the College

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The 1,500 white ribbons on the Ball Circle fence commemorate the 1,500 women a year who are murdered in the United States by their male partners or ex-partners.

- 50 percent of all homeless women are fleeing domestic violence.
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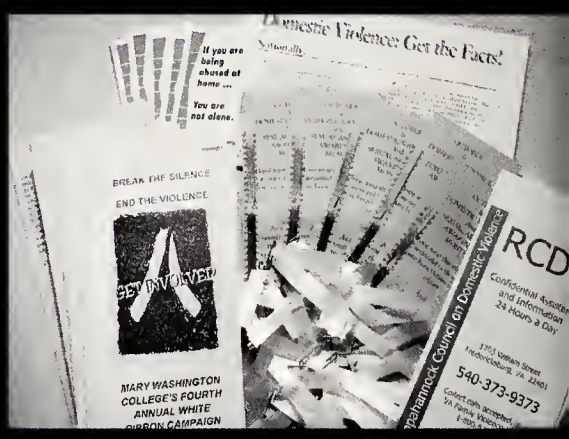
WHITE RIBBON

BY LIZ GORDON



When Chris Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology at MWC, started his study of men, he centered on how masculinity affects a person's physical well-being — why men die sooner than women. But he soon discovered that people were more interested in hearing about men's violence against women than they were in hearing about men's health problems. "It's understandable," he says, "men have dominated the world since time began."

Kilmartin, who has been interested in men's brutal behavior patterns for years, says he changed his focus from why men are disturbed to why men are disturbing after he attended the 1994 Conference on Men and Masculinity in Providence, R.I. There he met with Michael Kaufman, founder of the White Ribbon Campaign, a program of presentations and educational programs which raise awareness of men's violent acts against women.

Kaufman's White Ribbon Campaign began in Canada, a year after the 1990 Montreal Massacre, when a male student murdered 14 women at Ecole Polytechnique. On the way home from the conference, it occurred to Kilmartin that perhaps he could help change these same violent behaviors in American men. He wanted men to understand that when they make jokes about women or refer to them in derogatory terms, their behavior is contributing to an ugly atmosphere that condones violence.

"College is where our future leaders form many of their opinions," he explains. "If we can get students to take a stand on this issue now, then later, when they come into leadership positions, they might be more willing to aid those who suffer from this culture-driven attitude."

The first obstacle Kilmartin faced on the Mary Washington campus was finding a critical mass of students interested in working on the newly devised campaign. "What I needed was three truly committed guys who would do something to raise awareness," he says. The second step was getting the 25 men who attended the first meeting to quit saying, "Well, *you* could...," and agree to organize and run an event themselves. "What's important is to get the under-involved, involved — and the under-involved are men."

The few men willing to assume leadership positions in the campaign began planning fund-raisers that would coincide with White Ribbon Week, in October. In 1996, the group held a one-man musical marathon where entertainer Sean Michael Dargan '90 played 100 songs for pledged amounts. The money raised goes to local domestic violence and rape-crisis centers. "This is a very real, tangible result of our work," Kilmartin says.

James Madison University, George Mason University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Randolph-Macon College and Virginia Tech have instituted their own campaigns thanks to visits from Kilmartin, who plans to go to eight other campuses this year. Kilmartin says, "We get a lot of gratitude from community groups involved in domestic violence and rape-crisis."

Male students and faculty members at MWC also show their support for the cause by wearing white ribbons to schools, churches, shops and places of employment. "And wearing the white ribbon is a difficult thing for a lot of college men to do," Kilmartin says, "because it is a statement, and when men

- Women who leave their battering partners increase their risk of being murdered by 75 percent.
- A woman is battered every 15 seconds.
- Domestic violence causes 30,000 emergency room visits every year.
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the U.S.
- Over 75 percent of rape victims knew their assailants, and 57 percent were on dates.

CAMPAIGN

Christopher Kilmartin

speak out on any unaccepted subject, there's always a backlash from certain segments of society."

"For years," Kilmartin states, "the collegiate world has focused on protecting potential victims by procuring better lighting systems for their campuses, offering escort services, teaching women self-defense methods, lecturing women to stay out of dangerous settings. And these are all important things, but it's like treating the symptoms of a disease instead of the cause — when the inarticulated assumption is that 'boys will be boys,' and there's nothing you can do about it."

Now known as the United States coordinator for the White Ribbon Campaign because he introduced this program to campuses in America, Kilmartin says men can change. Of course, like many other learned behaviors, violence often begins in the home.

Robert Franklin '92 helped coordinate the campaign.

"Look at what your child watches on television," he implores. "Cartoon characters such as the Power Rangers and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles send the message that violence has no consequences. When a victim gets battered, he just disappears. There are no long-term consequences, either physical or emotional. Violence is often portrayed as fun, and that's frightening."

Kilmartin says that Americans tend to see violence as a solution to problems. Today's movie heroes are the ones who can inflict the most gun holes. He wonders what options boys can have when society rewards them for aggression in football then punishes them for aggression off the field — sometimes physically — which only increases their aggression. "We need to give men a more solid base for their self-esteem than male dominance."

In the '80s, when Mary Koss' study showed that one in four American college women were survivors of rape or attempted rape, women weren't surprised. "American men have not respected women since the agrarian society, when everyone worked together and both sexes were considered equals," says Kilmartin.

Once in a while, a woman student stops by to say thanks for the work he does, and Kilmartin is grateful for that. When women wanting to join the group drop by, Kilmartin explains that the idea of the campaign is to get men involved because of their influence on one another. Society needs to understand that the role of bystander is not a neutral one — that it condones the attitude that underlies the behavior. He says it's important for the campaign to have a male face, and he asks women to let men do this work.

"Men have a certain influence with other men that women don't often have," Kilmartin explains, "and because men are the perpetrators of violence against women, men need to be the answer. We need to accept responsibility for the damage that men have perpetrated on women."

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Warren Buffett

BY MATT P. GALEONE '98

Self-made billionaire Warren Buffett visited Mary Washington College in November. He spoke with a select group of business and economics students as part of the College's Executive-in-Residence program. Buffett advised students that choosing the right role models will lead to success in the business world and in life.

"I've been lucky to always have the right heroes," said Buffett. "Throughout my whole life, I've never been let down by one of these heroes. Choose them carefully. Tell me who your heroes are, and I'll tell you how your life will turn out."

Buffett, the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Berkshire Hathaway Incorporated, visited the campus as a Distinguished Visitor. Buffett insisted the program be student-focused.

"He really wanted this to be for and about the students," said Paul Dresser, rector of the Board of Visitors and moderator of the event's proceedings.

Buffett, a father of three, told students that their values will be more important in the business world than what their grades were or where they went to school.

"The chain of habits are too light to be felt until they are too heavy to be broken," Buffett said. "Habits have more to do with success than genius. I like to talk to students; it doesn't do much good to talk to people my age about change."

Buffett, who was listed as third richest person in the world by *Forbes* Magazine, said he prizes integrity, intelligence and energy in the people he works with.

"But you've got to find people who have all three. If they don't have the first one, they'll kill you with the other two," he said.

Buffett's message, advice and humor really impressed his student audience.

"He was definitely witty," said senior business major Mike Paolino. "I didn't think he'd be as funny as he was. His stories had a humorous tone but had a lot of life meaning, too. I thought he had a lot to say about character and integrity. If you have those characteristics, you'll go far in life. It's a good message, I think."

The faculty noticed how Buffett's values paralleled the values Mary Washington College instills in its students. "I was impressed by his honesty, his focus on integrity, his basically saying he hires people who live by our honor code," said Larry Penwell, associate professor of business and psychology.

Buffett, a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, received no compensation for his visit. He said that he and his heirs live off one percent of his income and the other 99 percent funds the foundation he established to tackle society's ills.

"Business is all easy pitches," said Buffett. "Important problems of society *are* problems because they are too difficult, and we don't know how to solve them yet. That's why if we make some progress, it's like hitting a home run."

Buffett was brought to Mary Washington College through the assistance of Anne Beck Macfarlane, a 1952 graduate of the College and former member of the Board of Visitors. She currently serves as a member of the MWC Foundation Board.

TOP CEOS COME TO C

Provost Philip L. Hall introduced David R. Goode at the MWC Business Leader's Breakfast in Lee Hall last October.

David R. Goode

Not content to rest on his prominence, Executive-in-Residence David R. Goode left the business leader's breakfast in Lee Hall and strode into the classrooms. And with him he brought teaching tools: overhead transparencies, slides, and a clear speaking voice that communicated "I want you to understand and learn." Result? As one student said, "He really connected to us!"

David R. Goode, chair, president, and CEO of Norfolk Southern Corporation, came to MWC in October as Executive-in-Residence. Goode was not only a fascinating speaker with great business acumen, but also a real teacher. Goode, a graduate of Duke University and Harvard Law School, spoke with students in class sessions and informally throughout his visit.

During one question-and-answer period, students wanted advice for future careers. Goode accommodated them by saying: Be flexible and open to opportunities... Be willing to take risks. Throw your body out there on the playing field. Be available to make commitments. Step forward when volunteers are called for... Don't get discouraged.

Goode related how this advice worked for him many years ago, after he finished law school. He was with a law firm in D.C. in the '60s when an opportunity arose for him to meet with the president of Norfolk and Western Railway Company. Goode was ushered in to see this man encircled in his own pipe smoke, and surrounded by maps all over his desk.

"Who the h___ are you?," the president asked, puffing away. "Never mind," the man said. Goode mimicked to the students in a gruff voice. "Let me show you what we are doing here. We are involved in a series of railroad mergers."

"I was in the right place at the right time," explained Goode. "Turned out they were looking for a tax lawyer. I'm not a tax lawyer, but I took them on."

A few years later, the company Goode joined went into hard times, but he stayed through difficulties and completed a variety of assignments. "My advice is to find a good company doing interesting things and stay with it. Be alert for opportunities. To rise to the top of any company you need ability and luck, and a willingness to deal with problems."

Climbing the ladder of success, he became assistant vice president of Norfolk Southern Corporation in 1982, vice president in 1985, executive vice president in 1991 and president of the company from 1991 to the present.

In 1997 he successfully designed an agreement with CSX Corporation for the joint purchase of Conrail. If the agreement is approved, the merger will add 7,000 route miles to Norfolk Southern Corporation, creating a rail system of more than 21,000 miles in 22 states.

Goode stressed that the particular majors students choose are not as important as their ability to speak, write, and communicate with others. He congratulated MWC students on their decision to pursue a solid liberal arts education.

Matt Galeone '98 is an English and psychology major from Seekonk, Mass., and is president of the Student Government Association at MWC.

SAM EMORY

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

When Samuel T. Emory joined the Mary Washington College Faculty in 1959, he did not plan to stay long. He later admitted that he accepted Chancellor Grellet Simpson's offer to teach geography and geology mainly because the College was close to both his research area, which was the Shenandoah Valley, and to the University of Maryland, where he was completing his doctoral work.

Once on campus, however, he soon developed an appreciation for the place. Though himself the product of university-scale institutions — at Maryland and, before that, undergraduate study at the University of North Carolina, where his father taught geography — Emory was quickly attracted to the small-college environment and particularly to Dr. Simpson's emphasis on the liberal arts and sciences. "I liked the town," he says now. "I liked the school, and I liked the people. So I stayed."

Stay he did — for the better part of four decades. By the time he retired at the end of the 1996-97 session, he left a legacy of service both to the College and the community that is matched by few others in the history of the institution.

Chief among those legacies is the Geography Department itself. When he was hired, Emory *was* the department — its only member. As his popular classes began to attract more and more students, he was able to persuade the administration to hire additional faculty: first came Sam Byrd, who took over the geology portion of Emory's duties, then Marshall Bowen, then Jim Gouger, then Dick Palmieri, then Don Rallis, then Joe Nicholas — until, by the time of his retirement, geology had become a separate department, and geography had become one of the College's largest and most productive.

Throughout most of those years, Emory served as department chair, all the while teaching an astonishing array of courses including not only his specialty, political geography, but also regional courses in the geography of South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia — and even such disparate subjects as economic geography and geomorphology. In an age of increasing academic specialization, Emory's ability to range widely across his discipline, and to incorporate other disciplines as well, proved to be a significant advantage in broadening the horizons of his students. According to one of them, Sue Smith Hane '76, Emory's greatest contribution was "to enable students to appreciate other cultures. He had this incredible knack for helping you to understand — to really feel — what it was like to live in an environment different from your own."

And then there was the matter of Emory's distinctive pedagogical style. Not for him was the flamboyant approach of his more rambunctious colleagues. His classroom demeanor instead was consistent with his sedate blue-blazer-and-khaki-pants attire: wry observations accompanied by a puckish, almost shy, smile — and invariably delivered *sotto voce*. Emory was, in short, "laid-back" long before that term came into vogue.

All of which is not to imply that his classes were dull — far from it. As Sue Hane recalls, even though Emory was soft-spoken and reserved, his classes were constantly enlivened by his low-key wit. "He had the best sense of humor," she says. "He made every class enjoyable — and so interesting that you just *wanted* to learn, no matter what the subject was."

One of the most distinctive facets of Emory's long teaching career involved a program that he initiated in 1979: a summertime bicycle tour of Europe, a prototype for the College's current emphasis on multiculturalism and international studies. Initially the tour included fewer than a dozen students, lasted about two weeks, and visited only England and France; eventually it grew to include almost 30 students, lasted

a month, and visited six countries. The average distance covered each day was approximately 30 miles, although it was sometimes as much as 70.

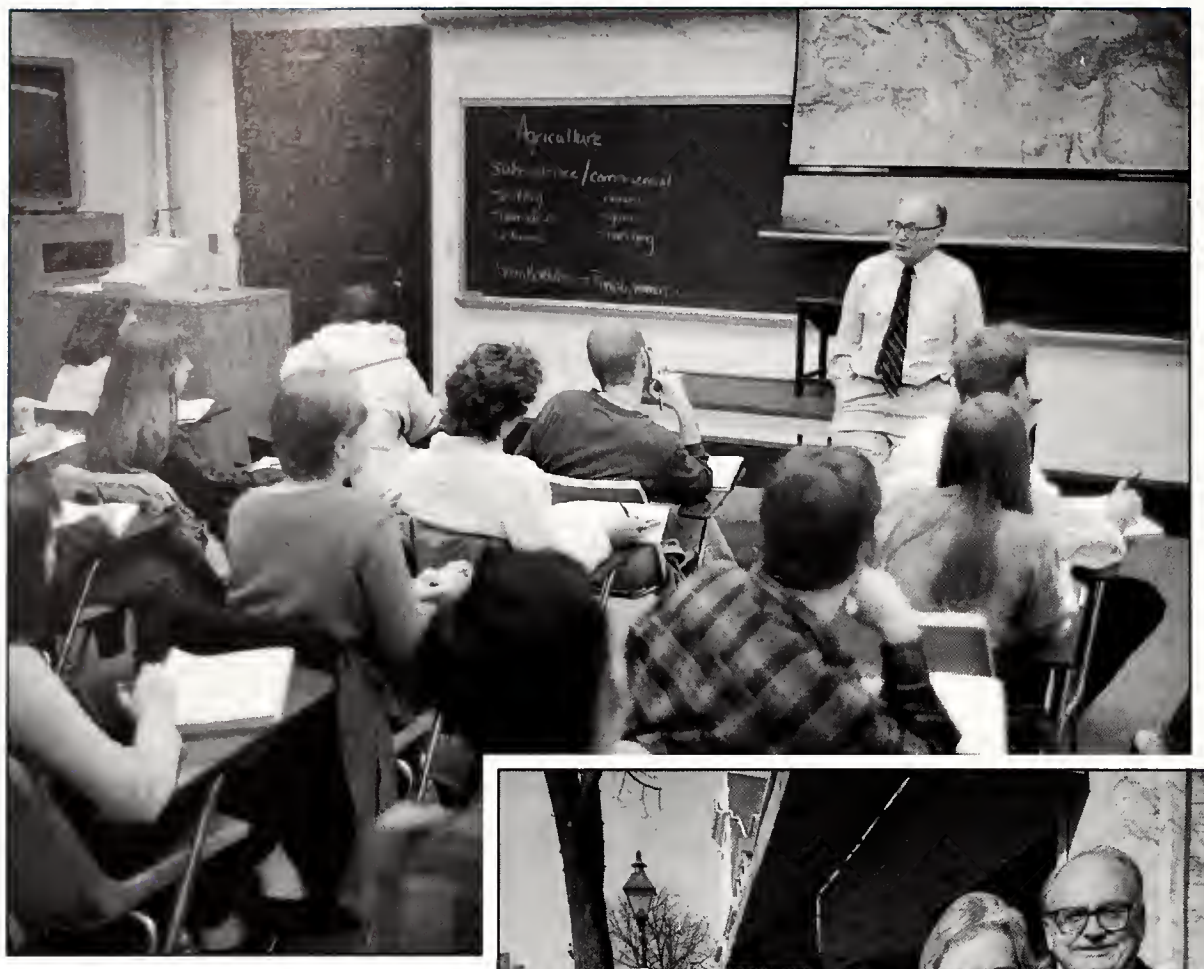
The excursion, for which students received three credits, was designed to be as economical as possible — which meant traveling by bike, largely through rural areas, and usually lodging and dining in country inns or small towns. In addition to its economy, such an itinerary had another benefit according to Sherry Dowdy '87, who made the trip in 1985. "It wasn't like one of those tours where they drop you off at some castle and then put you up in a four-star hotel," she recalls. "This way we really got to know the people and their culture." For Emory himself, it had one other advantage. "It was very good for me physically," he says with a characteristic chuckle. "The only times in my life that I've been in good condition were when I returned from those bike trips."

Despite the popularity of the trips, Emory has not led one for several years now. His decision to discontinue the program, he says, was the result of several factors: rising costs, competition from the College's other summer European programs, and his concern that his stamina might not be sufficient for the rigors of bicycling 30-plus miles a day. Yet those students who traveled with him remain grateful for the extraordinary opportunity that his tour gave them. Says Sherry Dowdy, "It was absolutely the best time of my life."

Another Emory innovation that has substantially benefited MWC students is the internship program he devised in the 1970s — a program whereby students can receive a limited amount of academic credit for appropriate experience in the "real-world" workplace. To Emory's practical way of thinking, this concept provides a bridge between the philosophical world of the liberal arts and the more mundane realities of earning a living. Since the program's inception some 20 years ago, hundreds of MWC students have indeed used their internship experiences to gain their first post-graduation jobs.

By his own admission, and as his actions attested, the primary focus of Emory's career was his students — not only teaching them in the classroom, but also in assisting them to develop skills for success beyond the campus. Yet his career at Mary Washington was also notable for the many services he rendered to his faculty colleagues. In addition to chairing his department for many years, and serving on almost every faculty committee, he also held two institution-wide appointments that gave him particular prominence within the faculty. One was marshal of the faculty. Although the position included some responsibility for planning various public events, it was largely ceremonial — notably leading the academic procession, mace in hand, at commencement and convocation. It was a role for which he was well suited by virtue

Above, Professor Emory in 1996, and, at right, in the 1970s.



Emory in the classroom and with his wife, Sibby, in front of Sammy T's.

of his calmness, patience, and inherently dignified demeanor.

Considerably more substantive (and surely more onerous) was his service as faculty parliamentarian. A wag once commented that trying to organize a faculty is "somewhat akin to trying to herd cats" — and only one who has witnessed faculty meetings can fully imagine the procedural snarls that routinely emerge in the course of what can loosely be called debate. On those occasions when the parliamentary morass became especially impenetrable, it was Emory's unenviable job to restore order. This he always did with characteristic grace and disarming humor.

Throughout his years in Fredericksburg, Emory's extensive activities at the College have been accompanied by commensurate involvement in the political, civic, and economic affairs of the local community. As a lifelong Republican in an area that was historically Democratic, he accepted the challenge of chairing the local GOP, and in that position was instrumental in reviving his party's electoral fortunes in the 1970s and '80s.

But Emory's civic involvement has not been purely partisan. He served for many years on the Fredericksburg Planning Commission and chaired it for much of that time. Because the city in those days had no full-time planning staff, he was essentially the *de facto* planner, in which capacity he drafted many of the ordinances that are still being used.

Emory has also made his mark on the city's economy through extensive real estate holdings and, most visibly, through ownership of a popular downtown restaurant, the eponymous "Sammy T's." The latter originated serendipitously. As Emory explains, it was during one of his first bike tours that he overheard two students, Sarah Sasser Williams '80 and Cheryl Sullivan Stephens '80, discussing how much they would like to run a restaurant. Soon thereafter he acquired what he describes as a "run-down, beer-hall type of property" in the heart of old-town Fredericksburg. Recalling the earlier conversation, he proceeded to restore the property and to put Sarah and Cheryl in charge of its management. Thus was born the restaurant that the students whimsically named after their mentor, and it thrives to this day as a favorite dining place for students, townsfolk, and tourists alike.

Only for a period of time beginning in the mid-'80s did Emory cut back on his extensive activities. This resulted from the tragic loss of his daughter, Greer, in August of 1989. Her death was understandably devastating to both him and his wife of almost 40 years, Sibby, leaving them depressed to the point that, he recalls, "I sort of dropped out of everything for a while." (The Emorys also have a son, Sam, who is currently one of the managers of his father's restaurant.)

More recently Emory has resumed his civic involvement, perhaps with a bit less energy, he admits, but with undiminished dedication. For example, having served for many years as president of the local Salvation Army board, he is now head of the board of the local homeless shelter. The latter position, it should be noted, encompasses more than presiding over meetings, developing budgets, and lobbying for funds; it also means "hands-on" involvement such as sometimes cooking and serving meals to residents of the shelter.

If such humanitarian activities might seem surprising from one whose political philosophy tends toward flinty conservatism, Emory himself sees it as perfectly reasonable. "If you believe in small government," he explains, "there are still things that have to be done to take care of those who are unable for some reason to do so themselves. And if you don't want a massive bureaucracy to do it, then it's up to the local people to do it."

Now that he is retired Emory looks forward to having more time for such activities — along with possibly some long-delayed writing projects, more travel with Sibby, and increased attention to his various business ventures. And there's the possibility of teaching an occasional course in geography, if the Geography Department needs him.

But if Sam Emory never sets foot on campus again (an unlikely possibility, to be sure), his place in the history of the College is secure. His longtime colleague Marshall Bowen expressed it succinctly, and well, in his tribute delivered at Emory's final faculty meeting. Having described Emory as "a friend who has gone out of his way to brighten our lives here in Fredericksburg," Bowen concluded: "Many of us could talk about Sam's generosity and his kindness, and if we told all of these heartwarming stories, they would fill a book. To put it simply, Sam Emory is a very good person, and everyone who has worked with him, and knows him, can testify to this fact."

Yes, we can.

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An MWC Profile

PRESIDENTIAL CARETAKER

A life-long career was started 21 years ago, when, as a freshman at St. Mary's College of Maryland, Lee Langston-Harrison accepted her first internship — at the Smithsonian Institution. The 19-year-old history major wanted to work at the museum where she had visited many times, and was accepted as an intern at the Museum of History and Technology (now the Museum of American History), for a six-week "mini-mester" program through St. Mary's.

Lee encapsulated a selection of General George Washington's letters from the field of battle; shined Mohammed Ali's boxing gloves, dusted Dorothy's ruby slippers, catalogued a thousand political campaign buttons, and cleaned a Conestoga wagon, all in preparation for the bicentennial's "A Nation of Nations" exhibit. This exhibition was slated for a six-month showing, but remained on view for more than 10 years because of its popularity. Lee is proud to call that her first exhibit!

Now, two decades later, she celebrates her 11th anniversary at the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, a National Historic Landmark in Fredericksburg that is administered by Mary Washington College. Although Lee became the museum's assistant director last year, she prefers the title, "curator/assistant director," since the majority of her work focuses on the management, interpretation and care of the collection — a curator's dream.

There have been a lot of changes at this small museum over the last 11 years, many implemented by Langston-Harrison and her band of MWC interns. She has trained over 75 student interns in the field of museum studies, 85 percent of whom have stayed in the field, becoming curators, collections managers, registrars and directors. Being able to bring the museum field alive is one of Lee's favorite aspects of her work. Spending time with the public is another perk of the field. "Where else can a person handle 200-year-old presidential artifacts in the morning and shake hands with a French ambassador in the afternoon?" Curators get to do this, and more.

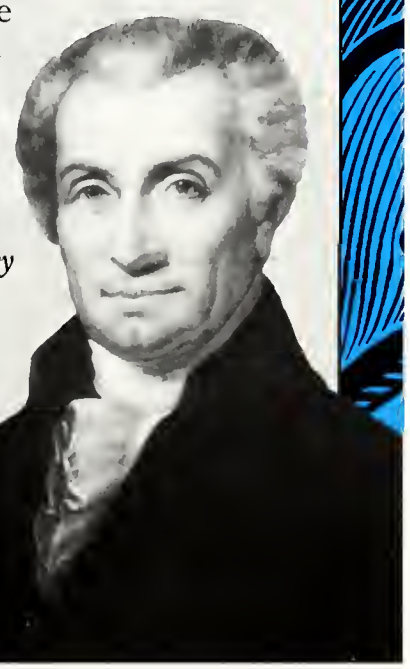
Langston-Harrison has worked for many years to get the role of the curator better understood. "We don't work in ivy towers surrounded by dusty objects and talking mice. Instead, we stabilize, clean, inspect, measure, poke and prod until we discover the hidden secrets that await us. Being a curator is like being a custodian to the world's material treasures... we try to bring these cultural mysteries alive for our visitors."

The museum has changed slowly over time, from a staid "shrine" to an energetic, ever-changing and emerging presidential center. It is the hope of John Pearce, museum director, Langston-Harrison, and the entire staff that the James Monroe Museum will someday become the "James Monroe Presidential Center," where all of the 600 objects, 27,000 documents and 10,000 books can be better utilized by more of the public.

To help get the word out, Langston-Harrison lends many Monroe items to other presidential sites around the country. Monticello, the Hoover Library, the Ford Museum, the Nixon Library, the Carter Center, the Hayes Library, the Reagan Library, the Grant Museum — all have borrowed items relating to the presidency in general or to Monroe. Langston-Harrison has also consulted on projects with the MET, the Smithsonian, the White House and many smaller (though no less prestigious) facilities over the last decade.

In her 11-year tenure as curator, Langston-Harrison has published two catalogues. *A Presidential Legacy* appeared in August 1997.

As we go to press, Langston-Harrison has accepted the position of director of curatorial operations at Montpelier, home of President James Madison in Orange County, Va. We wish her well.



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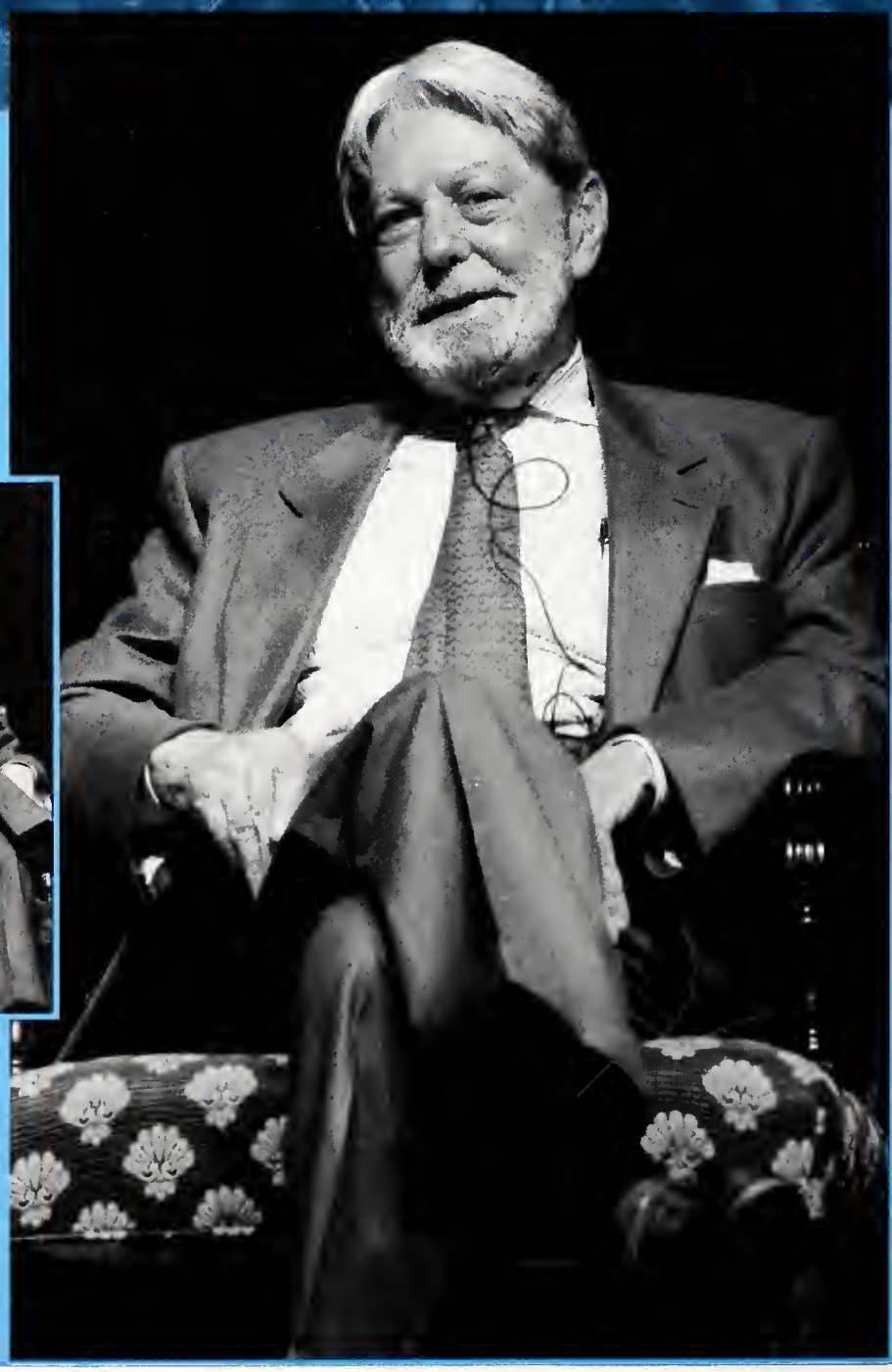


BY LIZ GORDON

"Dates and places are not what history is all about," says celebrated Civil War historian Shelby Foote. Best known for his three-volume history on the Civil War and his commentary on Ken Burns' PBS production of "The Civil War," Foote says, "History is about people and should be studied through the eyes of the people who made it, not through a list of dates."

So throughout his presentation to Otho Campbell's history class on Oct. 28, and again that evening at the Fredericksburg Forum, Foote blows life into the conflict that Southerners of that period called "The War of Northern Aggression."

Above: Charles McDowell

Right: Shelby Foote

"One thing Foote is, is a storyteller," says Charles McDowell, nationally acclaimed columnist and the evening's host and commentator. So stories he tells. In full Mississippi drawl, Foote begins by quoting men who actually fought in the war. The audience listens, spellbound. Then when McDowell, a former *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reporter and voice on several of Burns' productions, asks the most popular question, "Did the South ever have a chance?" everyone bolts to attention.

"No," says Foote, surprising no one but startling all. "The North had 23 million [people]. The South had nine, and only five million of those could fight, as the others were slaves.

CAPTURES KSBURG!

The odds were forbidding. One chance to win could have come with foreign intervention, but the chances of England pulling anyone's chestnuts out of the fire is always remote. There was also untold wealth in the North, good crops, and a great tide of immigration flowing in. Even if the South had been more successful, the North would only have untied the other hand from behind its back. There's no scenario I can dream of that would have allowed the South to win — not even the capture of Washington. Most Northerners think Southerners had a chance to win the war. Southerners think that since they didn't win, they never had a chance." As a Southerner, Foote said he agreed with the latter view.

"Were the Confederates aware of their chances?" asks McDowell. "No," replies Foote, looking down. "They remembered Valley Forge. They thought if they held on long enough, things were bound to come out right — right as they saw it. They looked on the Civil War as the second American Revolution.

"Virginians know less about the war than even the North Dakotians," Foote, now laughing, tells his audience. "They think all the important battles were fought between Richmond and Washington, and the others were just skirmishes." The wave of laughter in response lets him know this Virginia audience thinks he's right.

With the "big issues" out of the way, the audience settles back to enjoy Foote's Faulknerian way with words, incisive wit, and description of the main characters in the Civil War saga: heroes and villains alike.

Foote likes to humanize Lee "because people are always making him into a statue," he explains. "Lee was one of the noblest men who ever lived. Saint Robert." Foote acknowledges Lee was a true gentleman. "But he was also a true killer," says Foote. "When his blood was up, he was one of the most savage fighters the world has ever seen."

"Lincoln was no gentleman," says Foote. "He could give his word on Tuesday and break it on Thursday. His only objective was to save the Union, and he said if he could do it by emancipating the slaves, he would."

Foote then talks about an issue that weighs heavily on him. "It's always been a thesis of mine that there are two great sins on the soul of this nation — slavery and emancipation. No man should ever own another man. There should have been something else in place other than the Freedman's Bureau to help these 4.5 million illiterate people. Telling slaves, 'you are free, hit the road' was as wrong as it could be. There's a lot of blame that goes all the way around, and we are paying for it now."

In Campbell's history class, Foote states he never had trouble keeping his objectivity even though for generations his family lived in the South, and his great-grandfather owned more than a hundred slaves. He always liked the heroes and heroines — on both sides — except for Senator Sumner, 'who was an abhorrent creature.'

"Did anything good come from the war?" McDowell asks.

"It made people more aware of what government can and cannot do," Foote replies. "Men knew they had a nation now. Men who had never been more than 50 miles from home had a country.

"It's a sad story. What redeems it is the bravery and suffering the people went through on both sides," Foote says. "We had a 1,000-mile fighting line and well over 1,000,000 casualties. This history needs to be interpreted in the light of that time — needs to be reviewed now and then, and written frequently to be seen by new eyes — to see the truth in it."

Year of the Eagle

BY CLINT OFTEN

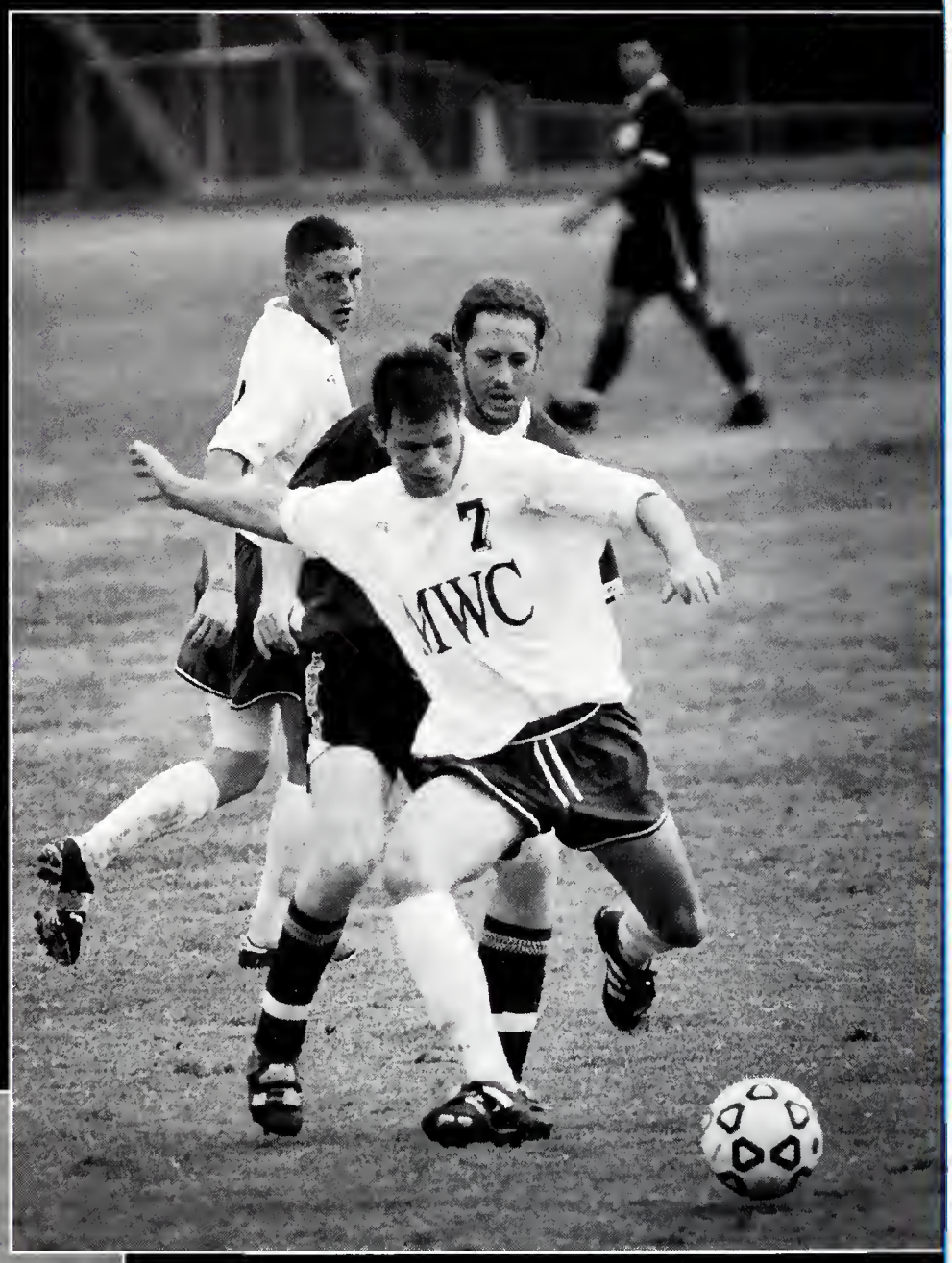
Traditionally known as one of the top soccer schools in the region, Mary Washington College again proved its mettle in 1997, with both the men's and women's teams achieving record-breaking success.

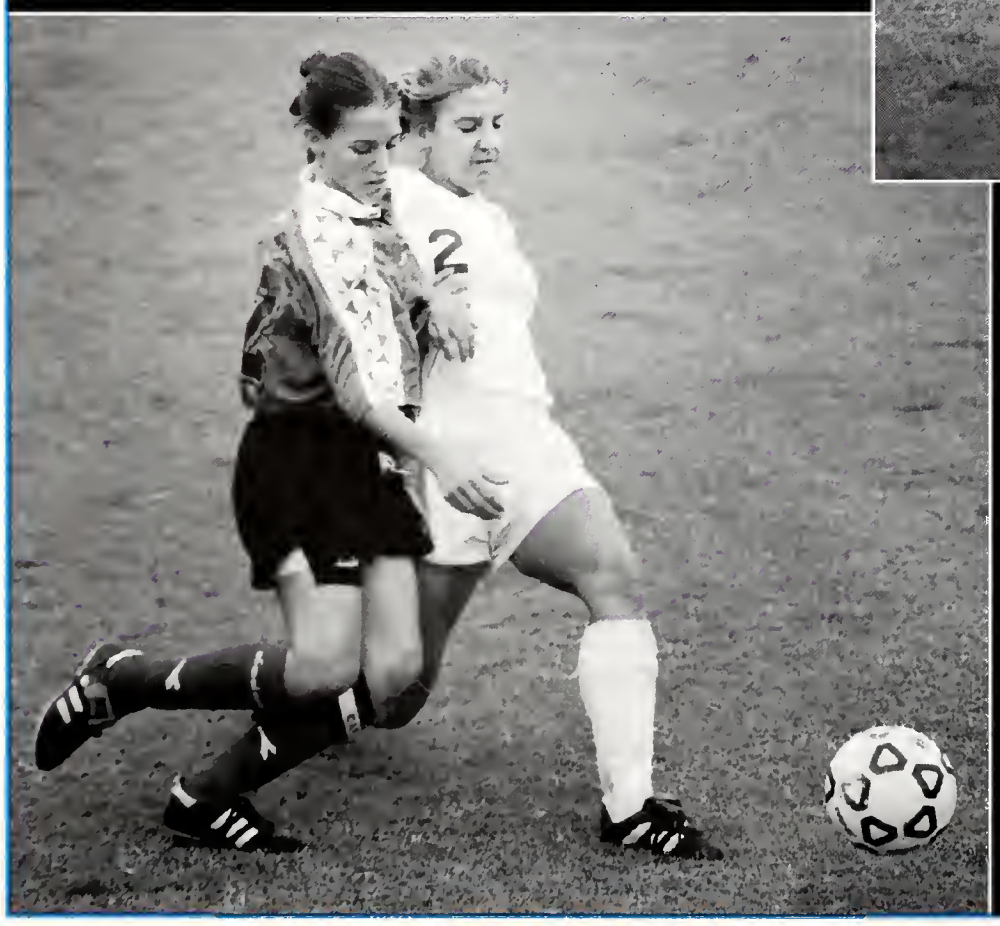
The men's team, led by NSCAA/Umbro South Region Coach of the Year Roy Gordon, finished with a 21-3-1 record and advanced to the NCAA Division III national semifinals for the first time ever. The team's 21 wins shattered the old school record for season wins, which was 17, and the Eagles won the Capital Athletic Conference championship for the seventh straight year.

Not to be outdone, the women's team, led by South Region Coach of the Year Kurt Glaeser, won the South Region and Capital Athletic Conference Championships, with an 18-2-2 record. The women's 18 wins also sets a school season record.

The teams' combined record of 39-5-3 is the best at any Division III school in the nation this year, and both teams ended the season ranked in the top three in the nation. The women finished with a No. 3 ranking; the men climbed to third place in the final poll thanks to their season-ending 14-game winning streak.

The men had four players earn first team All-Capital Athletic Conference honors: Craig Gillan, Jason Fusaro, Jordi Kleiman and Jeremy Corazzini. Gordon was named CAC





Coach of the Year, and Gillan was honored as the league's Player of the Year, as well as second team All-America.

Glaeser's women's team had a record seven members on the conference's first team in Anne Wenthe, Adrien Snedeker, Felicity Smith, Jaime Kwiatkowski, Johanna Klein, Laura Stafford, and CAC Rookie of the Year Ellen Anderson. Glaeser was named CAC Coach of the Year, with Smith being named All-America.

With arguably their best seasons ever under their belts, both Coach Glaeser and Coach Gordon already have their sights set on first-ever national championships in 1998.

Clint Often is MWC's Sports Information Director.

HALL OF FAME

Three former Mary Washington College student-athletes have been inducted into the MWC Athletic Hall of Fame for 1997. The inductees are Brian "Buddy" Hawley, the school's all-time leading scorer in men's basketball; Pam Heller Black, the school's career leader in scoring in both field hockey and lacrosse; and three-sport standout Jenny Utz.

From left: Jenny Utz, Buddy Hawley and Pam Heller Black.

Buddy Hawley '87, who starred as a guard/forward for four years on the basketball team, scored 1,934 points in his career, the highest total ever at MWC. In addition, he was selected as an All-American in 1986-87, becoming the first (and only) MWC men's basketball player to ever take that honor. Hawley owns 20 school records, and was also a first team all-region and all-state performer. He currently lives in Spotsylvania, and works as a water resources engineer in the Washington, D.C., area.

Pam Heller Black '87 was a two-time first team All-American in lacrosse (in 1986 and 1987), and set school scoring records in field hockey and lacrosse that may never be eclipsed. Her career total of 257 points in lacrosse is among the highest totals in Division III history, and her 102 points in field hockey make her the lone member of the 100+ point club in that sport in school history. Heller Black currently lives in Fredericksburg and works as a lender/customer service representative at Central Fidelity National Bank.

Jenny Utz '82 was a rare three-sport star at MWC, leading the field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse teams for four years. She graduated with the school record for career scoring in field hockey (currently third, with 80 points), was a member of two state basketball championship squads, and was selected to the South Select All-Star Team in lacrosse. An honors graduate in mathematics and chemistry from MWC, Utz lives in Falls Church, Va., and is currently employed as an environmental consultant in the Washington, D.C., area.

Hawley, Heller Black and Utz were inducted as the second class into the Athletic Hall of Fame at MWC, joining former greats Frank Gilmore, Deb Reid, Bill Lohr, Ethel Armstrong and Ruth Bonner Grosskopf, who were inducted in 1996. Inductions took place on October 24 at ceremonies in MWC's Woodard Campus Center.

The third annual Mary Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame Golf Tournament will be held on May 1, 1998. (Site is yet to be determined.) For more details, call Clint Often in the MWC Sports Information Office at (540) 654-1743.

INDUCTEES

On Campus

Distinguished Graduate-in-Residence

Since 1995, MWC's Psychology Department has invited a former major to be "Distinguished Graduate-In-Residence" (DGIR). The DGIR program has two purposes: to enhance career advising for psychology majors and other social science majors, and to supplement and support the undergraduate research programs of the Psychology Department and the College.

Dr. Vicki L. Flaherty was MWC's 1997 Distinguished Psychology Graduate-in-Residence. During her two-day residency, she met with faculty and student groups to discuss education, graduate school and career issues. She also lectured on "Occupation Testing: Who Needs it?"

Dr. Flaherty graduated from Mary Washington in 1986 with a B.S. in psychology. She received her master's degree in 1988 and her Ph.D. in 1992 in industrial and organizational psychology from the University of Georgia. A specialist in test development, she is a senior associate with the Chauncey Group International, subsidiary of the Educational Testing Service.

Previous DGIR's were Dr. Mary Russo '86 in 1995 and Dr. John Hummel '86 in 1996.

Research Grant

In spring '94 The National Institute of Mental Health awarded Carole Corcoran, MWC associate professor of psychology, and four other professors from Washington area colleges, a three-year grant worth $1,164,012. The subject of the research project is "Trauma Types and Dimensions: Specificity of Outcomes." As a member of the team, Corcoran presented a paper on her research results at the Second World Conference of International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies in Jerusalem, Israel. She and Judith Parker, MWC professor of English, together presented a paper on this subject at the Sixteenth International Congress of Linguists in Paris, France.

The research gathered provides information about different types of stressful or traumatic life events that college women have experienced: accidents, losses and assaults, and how they have reacted to these events. Such knowledge will contribute to the development of more appropriate and specific treatments for individuals suffering through such traumas.

ELDERHOSTEL

MWC's Center for Graduate and Continuing Education sponsored a service Elderhostel at the College in cooperation with the National Park Service. Participants learned how to restore a brick wall on Willis Hill (near Brompton), and helped to clean and refurbish old tombstones.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

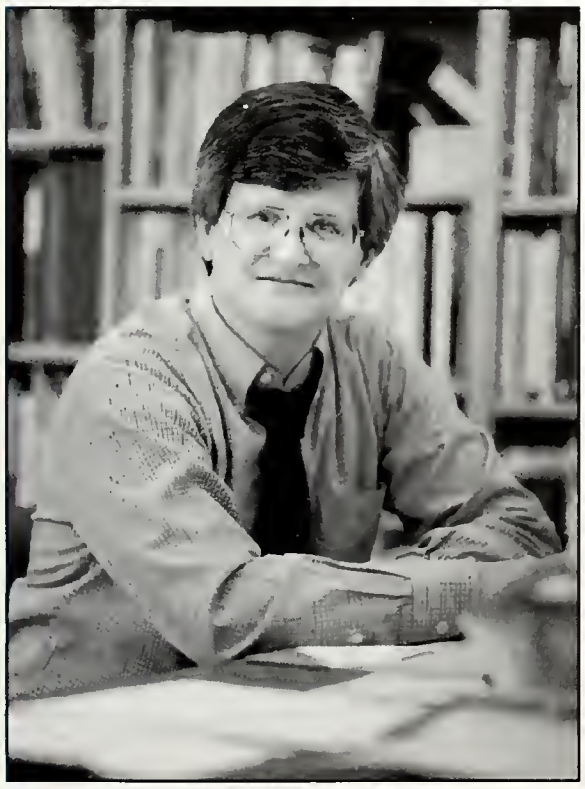
Christopher Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology, presented a paper titled "Integrating Masculine Gender Information into Sexual Assault and Harassment Presentations" at the 7th International Conference on Sexual Assault and Harassment, held in Orlando, Fla. Dr. Kilmartin also was a featured speaker at sexual assault programs at the University of Connecticut, George Mason University, Virginia Tech, Old Dominion University and Hampden-Sydney College.

John M. Kramer, distinguished professor of political science, wrote "Drug Abuse in East-Central Europe," an article that was published in the journal *Problems of Post-Communism*. Also, he presented a paper on "Political Corruption in Russia: The Case for Democratization," at the annual conference of the International Political Science Association in Seoul, South Korea. Dr. Kramer also spoke to a group of officials at the Department of Defense on "The Strategic Environment of the Twenty-First Century: Implications for American Foreign Policy."

Larry J. Lehman, associate professor of mathematics, wrote an article, "Rational Eigenvectors in Spaces of Ternary Forms," which was published in the journal *Mathematics of Computation*.

John T. Morello, formerly professor of speech and department chair in the Department of English, Linguistics, and Speech, has been appointed assistant vice president for academic affairs.

Denis Nissim-Sabat, professor of psychology, had two papers published. "Psychologists, Congress, and Public Policy" appears in *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice* and "Telecommunications in the Former Soviet Union: Activities in Psychology" is in *European Psychologist*.



John T. Morello

In the MWC Bookstore, Steve Watkins, associate professor of English, signs copies of *The Black O: Racism and Redemption in an American Corporate Empire*, a case history of the legal battle against racial discrimination at a national restaurant chain.

The Washington Post called it a highlight of the fall publishing season. *Kirkus Reviews* said "a startling journalistic effort by first-time author Watkins...An unsettling, fascinating revelation of a truly wretched corporate environment and a rare triumph for the underdog."

Above, Alice Rabson, professor emerita of psychology, hugs Professor Watkins while sophomore Jonathan Kopp looks on.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

September

"Mid-Atlantic New Painting 97," an exhibition awarding $7,000 in prizes and judged by Dr. Janet Kaplan, executive editor of *Art Journal*, opened at the Mary Washington College Galleries...In recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month, MWC and several community organizations co-sponsored a picnic; a lecture on Hispanic leadership by Dr. Antonio Flores, president of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; and several movies...Family Weekend attracted 1,500 visitors...Kat Imhoff, executive director of the Preservation Alliance of Virginia, spoke on "Making the Case for Preservation"...A play-for-one-actor, "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?" was performed by John Maxwell in Dodd Auditorium...The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center at Mary Washington offered a class on "In Search of Customers — How to Find, Attract, Sell, and Service New Business" ...MWC Department of Theatre and Dance presented "You Can't Take It With You," by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman.

October

The Mary Washington College-Community Orchestra opened the 1997-98 season with a concert of works by Bach, Bruch, Mozart, Mussorgsky and Wagner ...Matthew F. Trundle, a visiting British scholar, lectured on "The Greek Mercenary Explosion of the Fourth Century B.C."...A South American folkloric ballet company opened the fourth annual Cultural Awareness Series. Also in the series were James McBride, who spoke on his book, *The Color of Water*, (which is about McBride's immigrant Jewish mother, who raised 12 black children in a Brooklyn housing project) and award-

James McBride

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

winning poet Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, who spoke on "Being an Asian American Writer in the USA." The Cultural Awareness Series ended the fall season with a three-day national conference on multiethnic perspectives...Dr. Daniel Preston, editor and director of The Monroe Papers project, lectured on "James Monroe, National Boundaries, and the Monroe Doctrine"...The Friends of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra hosted "Fall for the Flute and Harp," and the second presentation of "Fiddlestix," a classical musical series for young children...MWC sponsored its fourth annual White Ribbon Campaign... Mary Washington College hosted the area's first Black Image Awards program. The program was sponsored by the College's Multicultural Center and the Spotsylvania Black Civic League. James Farmer, distinguished college professor of history and American studies at MWC, was honored for his national achievements in the Civil Rights movement..."True American Heroes from the Civil War to the Present" was presented by the Fredericksburg Forum for the first program of the 1997-98 season. Historian Shelby Foote was featured speaker and journalist Charles McDowell was commentator... The Historic Preservation Club held its 13th annual Ghost Walk.

November

"Fredericksburg AIDS Walk '97," a 5K walk through the city of Fredericksburg, was held..."The Body and Gender," an art exhibition that explains how women and men represent themselves and each other as gendered beings, opened in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Included were 72 European, American and Asian works from the 18th to 20th centuries. The exhibit inaugurated a new seminar course in the Department of Art and Art History, "Women and Western Art," taught by Dr. Marjorie Och, assistant professor of art history. Other lectures scheduled in conjunction with the art exhibition were "The Body and Gender: An Introduction to the Exhibition," by Dr. Och; "Artemisia Gentileschi and the Problem of the Woman Artist;" by Dr. Mary Garrard, professor of art at the American University, and "Generic Genders: Or What Our Art Might Look Like from the Other Side of the World" by Dr. Eric Gable, assistant professor of anthropology at MWC...Four Mary Washington College senior studio art majors displayed their works in the duPont Gallery..."Encore," the Mary Washington College Show Choir, and "Symfonics," a student-run a cappella ensemble, presented a combined fall concert that included three Broadway medleys...Two experts on Virginia politics spoke at MWC in a program called "Campaign '97: The Race to Run Virginia," that focused on the state's gubernatorial race. Richard Benedetto, national political correspondent and columnist for USA TODAY, and political analyst Robert Holsworth, professor of political science and public administration at Virginia Commonwealth University, were the speakers...A two-day leadership colloquium for professional women was held. Workshop leaders and speakers included Mary Sue Terry, visiting professor at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies of the University of Richmond and former attorney general of Virginia, and Lisa M. Kittner, account executive, Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc...MWC hosted the second annual national Multi-Ethnic Perspectives Conference in Arlington, Va. More than two dozen colleges and universities participated in the event, which was held to develop a greater understanding among individual ethnic student populations through the use of workshops, speakers and entertainers.

From left to right: Greg Kile, Kristin Lantz, Kelsey Lynd and Eric Bakken.

Amy Sobeck

C.O.A.R. Cleanup Crew

Amy Sobeck '99, environmental chair of C.O.A.R. (Community Outreach and Resources), headed a group of volunteers who cleaned up trash along the Potomac River at Westmoreland State Park. The MWC students cleaned the park while enjoying the water and autumn's colors. They discovered there was a lot of small trash that had to be picked up carefully and said that hundreds of cigarette butts caused the most litter.

Alumni News

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

Fall is a busy season for the Alumni Association. In addition to a meeting of the board of directors, two major alumni events have taken place: The 1997 Alumni Leadership Conference and Homecoming.

The leadership conference, scheduled in alternate years, was held Oct. 17-18. The 1997 conference focused on alumni volunteerism in support of the College. Many thanks to all who participated in the conference, either as speakers or attendees. If you are interested in attending the next alumni leadership conference in 1999, please notify the alumni office.

The main Homecoming events Oct. 24-25 were held at the Battleground Athletic Complex, site of men's and women's soccer games, both of which resulted in Eagle victories. Despite the cool, cloudy weather, spirits were bright as alums from 1987 to 1997 were exuberantly reunited. It is always great fun to observe the evolution from "party animal" to parent: Both portable grills and baby strollers were everywhere!

The Class of 1992 held its official fifth-year reunion celebration — a picnic under the College tent — with a much higher percentage of attendance than is normally present for Reunion Weekend in the spring. Due to the successful turnout, the fifth-year class reunion will probably be moved permanently to the fall.

The reunion planning committee, chaired by Merrilyn Sawyer Dodson '68, is already gearing up for 1998. Classes ending in 3's and 8's should mark calendars now for May 29-31, 1998 (the weekend after Memorial Day) and plan to return to campus!

The scholarship fund established this year by the alumni board will serve as the centerpiece for the MWC advancement team's campaign, called "The Year of the Scholarship." In addition to contributing $50,000 of seed money, the alumni board will issue a standing challenge each year to the silver anniversary class, prom-

Alexis Kingham '98 and Darien Berkowitz '98, members of the MWC Ambassadors student volunteer group, welcome alumni from the Class of 1992 to their fifth reunion.

Homecoming gives recent grads an opportunity to catch up with friends and classmates.

The College tent served as reunion headquarters for the Class of 1992's picnic.

A future alumnus (and friend) witness Homecoming from a safe and comfortable vantage point.

ising to match every unrestricted alumni fund gift until we reach our goal of fully funding 12 merit-based scholarships, a goal that will require approximately 2.5 to 3 million dollars. The members of the Class of 1973 will be the first class to face this challenge with their class gift. We are confident that, as each class approaches its silver anniversary, its members will be willing and generous contributors as the matching gift from the alumni board will double the impact of their individual gifts.

Each year three of the seven positions on the alumni board's Executive Committee are up for re-election. In 1998 the offices of president-elect, vice president for finance, and vice president for classes will become open. If you are interested in serving on the alumni board, or wish to nominate someone, please contact the alumni office. In 1999 the open offices will be vice presidents for the alumni fund, chapters, and reunion weekend. Please feel free to submit names for the above offices at any time. We are always interested in recruiting new members for the alumni board. We would also like to have your suggestions for nominations to the board of visitors, alumni awards, and potential Distinguished Graduates-in-Residence. These nominations *never* close, so even if you submit names too late to be considered for this year, be assured your suggested names will be considered for next year. This allows you to make your nomination whenever the spirit moves you, rather than having a prescribed deadline. So, please keep your letters, phone calls, faxes and e-mails coming! Your alumni association wants *your* input.

Terrie Young Crawley '77
President, MWC Alumni Association

Alumni Board Targets Merit Scholarship Fund

Recognizing the important role merit scholarships play in recruiting top students, the Alumni Association Board of Directors has devoted considerable attention this year to establishing the College's first, full-ride, merit scholarship fund. The Board's $50,000 challenge to the Class of '73 and other alumni should secure gifts sufficient to make the first award within the next two-three years. Their long-range goal is to establish a fund similar to U. Va.'s Jefferson Scholars program, supporting as many as 12 exceptional MWC students. Above, Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 makes a point at a recent meeting of the alumni board.

Mr. Mac has made a Difference

BY KATHRYN REYNOLDS WILLIS '70

"I'm grateful for the good fortune that I've enjoyed in this community, and I'm glad to do what I can in return."

So said Lawrence McMurtry in the spring of 1997, just three months after he retired from a long and successful tenure as president of Fredericksburg Savings and Loan. Under his leadership, the assets of the institution grew from $2 million to $464 million, and the savings and loan never had an unprofitable year.

McMurtry has lent his quiet insight and judgment to many service organizations and volunteer boards, including that of the College's foundation. He has been a friend of the College for many years, offering his support for several of its programs. From the College-Community Symphony Orchestra to the James Monroe Museum, his interest in Mary Washington has been generous and far-reaching.

For the students at MWC, there is one area where his contribution to the College takes on a particularly meaningful, personal relationship: He has established several scholarships.

His belief in investing in the lives of young people has proved to be a welcome and much-appreciated gift. The assistance that these funds have offered to promising students has been substantial. Together with his late wife, Martha, Mr. Mac, as he is affectionately called, has endowed five separate scholarships. The awards will serve to honor the memory of Mrs. McMurtry and other family members as long as Mary Washington College exists.

Martha Nicodemus '98, majoring in biology, has received a McMurtry scholarship for each of her four years. "Mr. McMurtry is a kind and generous man," she said. "He cannot imagine what an impact his scholarship has made in my life."

While Nicodemus will have some college loans to repay, she credits the McMurtry scholarship for having significantly helped her college experience. "I'm not going to graduate with the huge debt that many of my friends have. It's such a relief not to have to anticipate the burden of that debt. I'll never find a way to adequately thank Mr. Mac for all he's done. His help has made all the difference."

McMurtry's decision to establish scholarships not only provides substantial returns to each individual he's helped, but following the academic careers of his recipients has also brought him great pleasure. An astute banker, he summed it up this way: "I can't think of a better investment."

Kathryn Reynolds Willis '70 is director of marketing for Graduate and Continuing Education at Mary Washington.

Student Aid and Student Employment:

A Profile in Numbers

- Sixty-eight percent of the current student body receives some kind of financial support.
- Every year, MWC distributes 10.5 million dollars in student-aid support.
- The average student aid package totals $4,868.
- In 1996-97, Mary Washington was unable to meet almost 1.6 million dollars in demonstrated student need.
- Nearly 70 percent of Mary Washington's endowment investments are reserved for scholarships and student aid.
- Over 80 percent of the current student aid packages are in the form of student loans.
- In five years, the average student loan debt of graduating seniors has increased 80 percent.
- Over 80 percent of the current student body has held a part-time job while enrolled at Mary Washington. The average student work week ranges from 10 to 19 hours.

For these seniors, the final year at Mary Washington is a time of bringing all they've learned to a synthesis, while they plan for their lives after graduation. But there's more to their days than studying and campus activities. Like many of the students at MWC, each has a part-time job in addition to full-time academic loads.

It can be a real puzzle, fulfilling so many commitments. But each of these seniors has discovered what works, and their schedules reflect the skills they've acquired, in

PIECING IT ALL TOGETHER

Alexis Kingham

Alexis Kingham came to Mary Washington from her home in Pennsylvania on a tour of Virginia schools with her mom, Margaret Toland Kingham. The search ended when Alexis visited Mary Washington. "This was my favorite," she said, explaining that her mom was doubly glad, because she graduated from Mary Washington in 1980.

Alexis, a biology major, has worked on campus every year to help offset her expenses. She's helped with catering, has served as a student-escort driver, and has worked in Seacobeck. This year, she's delivering cakes for the Fredericksburg chapter of the Alumni Association. The association takes cake orders from parents for deliveries to MWC students for occasions like birthdays and exam-time. The project generates funds for the Fredericksburg Chapter Alumni Association Scholarship. It's a work placement that Alexis is glad to have, for she's a recipient of an Alumni Association scholarship designated for children of alumni. She is pleased to be a part of building funds for other students who'll follow in her footsteps.

Alexis has maintained a high academic average as she juggles work and study. But she's also on the College's lacrosse team. On most afternoons, she's on the field for practice; and on many weekends, she's on the bus, traveling to out-of-town matches.

"Being a biology major, I spend a lot of time in labs, so I've had to learn to manage my time," she said. "But it's not impossible; you can do it if you're organized."

Huyen Campbell, an art major from Roanoke, Va., agrees. Huyen has worked in residence life for four years, and this year is a head-resident adviser of Willard. "I've learned a lot," she said. "I supervise this whole building, and it takes a lot of time, but I've enjoyed it."

"Being an R.A. has really improved my people skills. I do a lot of conflict resolution and mediation," Huyen explained. "I've grown close to a lot of these people; we've lived together for four years, and it's been a great experience."

Huyen Campbell

Huyen has

received several art scholarships, which she says "have really helped because I don't have to get another job off campus, and I can participate in things here that I'd not otherwise be able to do."

Freddy Jurgens, a business major from Richmond, has found that his manager position for the Wood Company (food services) in Seacobeck pretty much fills up his time card for the week. Freddy confesses, "After I study, go to class, and work, there's not a whole lot of time left for extra things. But I manage to get it all done, if I'm careful about how I schedule my time."

According to Wood Company supervisor Douglas Jarman, Freddy has risen through the ranks to manager because he's conscientious and good at what he does. "He takes care of everything from scheduling student hours to tracking the money and making deposits."

Freddy Jurgens

Bettie Bell

Freddy's glad of the knowledge he's gained. "As a business administration major, I feel I've gotten good experience. I've learned so much about managing people. It's almost like having an internship. Besides, I've used the money to pay for books and other expenses, like pizza!" he says with a grin.

Bettie Bell, from Mt. Jackson, Va., came to Mary Washington from a high school where the graduating class numbered 73 seniors. "I thought Mary Washington was a big school," she laughs. "But I like the closeness of the community here — it's one of the things that I've loved the most."

Bettie, a sociology major, has volunteered hundreds of hours working with family service organizations in the Fredericksburg area. This year, she has a paid position as volunteer coordinator for children's services at Mary Washington. "My parents have always been active volunteers in the community, and they taught me it was very important."

Among other duties, Bettie and other Mary Washington students visit Hope House "to read to the children and do crafts with them. On Saturday evening, we go to the homeless shelter to be with the children there."

Bettie has maintained an excellent academic record and has received several scholarships. "If I didn't have help, I couldn't be in school," she explains, "so the best way to give back is to serve in the community, and I love being with the children. It's what I want to do."

Melissa Finke was drawn to Mary Washington because "the campus is so beautiful." But what sealed her decision was the riding program. She's been on the equestrian team all four years and has also worked. "I've had a part-time job from the first week I was in college," she explains. She worked at MacDonald's for nearly three of those years, and now is a server at Applebee's, a restaurant approximately three miles from campus. Melissa is up at dawn to practice riding before classes begin, and spends several nights and weekends at Applebee's.

Looking back on her academic experience, Melissa observes, "A lot of people come here not realizing how tough the academics really are, but once you make it through freshman year, you're prepared for the next three."

"It's not easy, juggling all the things I want to do, but you can do it. Besides, the experience at Mary Washington prepares you for life. After you've been here for four years, you can handle the real world. You'll be ready."

Melissa Finke

Ready, indeed. These five seniors, like hundreds of others at Mary Washington, have gained knowledge that extends well beyond the classroom and the library. They've learned to piece together a schedule that combines study and classes, work and friendships... skills that will serve them well in the years beyond graduation.

Kathryn Reynolds Willis '70

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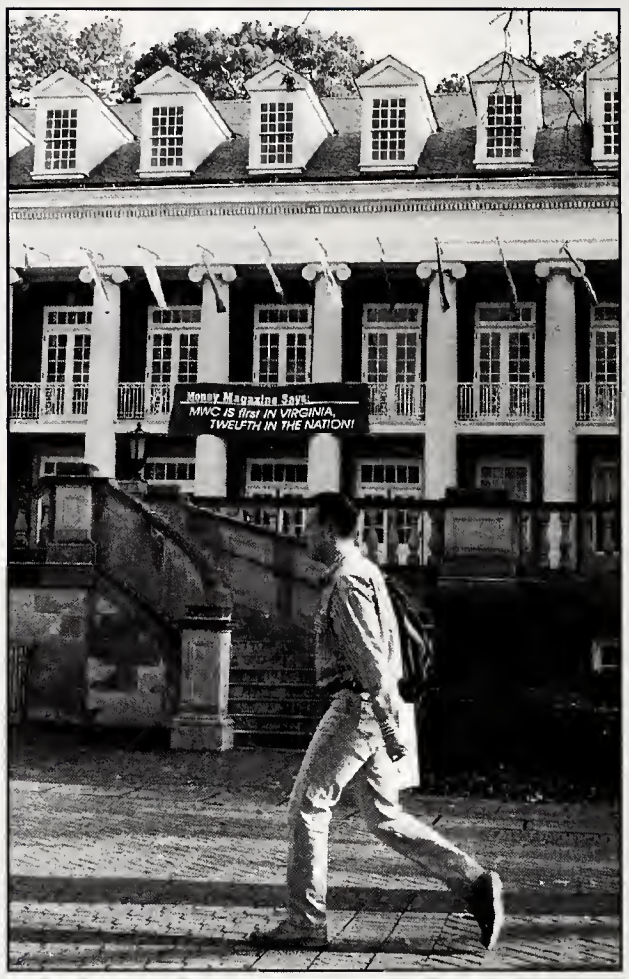

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Seated: left to right: Marie Seay Harry, Ruth Pope Garrett, Louise Raiford Lowell, Dorothy Deal Denton. Standing left to right: Dorothy Seay Owens, Sandra Cutchins Pittman, Sara Boggs, Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Goffigon Jonns, Mary Pride Hunninghake, Gwen Miller Reams, Sallie Jacob and Dorothy Sawyer Ferguson.

Special Ties

BY SANDRA CUTCHINS PITTMAN '56

Louise Raiford Lowell, Class of 1928, graduated from Fredericksburg State Teachers College, now known as Mary Washington College, 69 years ago. She graduated from the largest high school in southern Virginia and appreciated the (then) quaint size of Mary Washington. She still recalls the dean of women, Miss Bushnell, "who had very strong character and always had the young women mind their p's and q's." When Louise attended college, there was a two-year teacher curriculum, and she remembers her aunt attending when the College included two years of high school.

Louise, a resident of the Ballentine Home in Norfolk, Va., hosts a bridge party each year for some of her MWC friends. Although she has seen friends come and go, the group remains a constant reminder of her special ties through MWC.

The Tidewater Chapter of the MWC Alumni has a spring and fall luncheon meeting each year and enjoys a joint meeting with the Peninsula Chapter once a year.

1997 Alumni Leadership Conference

BY CYNTHIA L. SNYDER '75

Who are the Board of Visitors and what do they do? What does it take to attract the best and brightest students? How can alumni help attract the ideal student? What do Belmont and the James Monroe Museum mean to MWC? How do the Internet and MWC's telecommunications network help current students, and what can they do for alumni?

These were among the questions addressed at the 1997 Alumni Leadership Conference Oct. 17 and 18. Chaired by Tara Corrigall '82, president-elect of the alumni association, the conference attracted nearly 60 alumni, whose varied involvement with the College invited their participation. Registrants, who came from as far away as New York, included graduates from the '30s through the '90s.

Activities began Friday evening with a reception and dinner. Attendees enthusiastically welcomed MWC President William M. Anderson Jr. and enjoyed his remarks on the very successful start to the academic year. Alumni Association President Theresa Young Crawley '77 presented a resolution from the Board of Directors to Marjorie Meredith Poyck '66, executive vice president, commending her for her leadership and dedication as acting president of the College during Dr. Anderson's convalescence.

Aimed at informing alumni about opportunities for supporting the College and the importance of doing so, the conference included representatives from the Board of Visitors, Admissions, College Relations, Athletics and other departments and offices.

Alumni also had an opportunity to hear from current students, including the president of the Student Government Association and the Honor Council president. They were part of a panel that addressed current student programs and issues. The conference ended with an opportunity for a hard-hat tour of The Jepson Science Center, scheduled to open in fall 1998.

Alumni involvement in the life of the College is critically important. The Leadership Conference is a vehicle for informing alumni about the College's successes, needs, and plans and encouraging their support and involvement. The Alumni Association aims to make service to the College a major priority and welcomes the involvement of all alumni who want to contribute.

Cynthia L. Snyder '75 is director of alumni relations at Mary Washington.

Alumni Association President Terrie Young Crawley '77 responds to a participant's question.

Marjorie Meredith Poyck '66, MWC's executive vice president, indicates progress on The Jepson Science Center.

Clint Often, sports information director, tells alumni about MWC's intercollegiate athletic program.

Class Notes

Goat Notes

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1936

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We extend our sympathy to the family of **Frances Louise "Smitty" Smith Martin**. Her daughter, **Marcia Martin** '68, wrote to me after she read the summer issue of *MWC TODAY* with Dr. Alvey's portrait of Mrs. Dodd. Smitty died Aug. 24, 1994, of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Marcia wrote, "Throughout my entire life, I heard stories of your class' shared times. I grew up hearing about Mrs. Dodd and Dr. Alvey, and after reading the current *MWC TODAY*, I was prompted to write to you. I attended MWC from 1964-1968. I still live in Fredericksburg and have taught third grade in Stafford County for 29 years. I plan to retire next year. I feel as though I have known you and many of your classmates all my life, and Mother had wonderful memories of her years at MWC. I wish all of your class long and happy futures."

Edna Harley Sickels wrote, "I don't have any startling news although I don't spend my days sitting quietly. In fact, I have acquired an activity for every day of the week, so I'm always up and gone whether or not I feel energetic enough. Arizona is far from the beautiful Virginia countryside I loved in MWC days. But good news — our grandson is going to a Virginia college next year."

Louise Jennings Creamer is in a home for women in Lynchburg. She is getting along fine and is in good health.

Audrey Rose Burton phoned me and said she was getting along all right. She wears a heavy brace and walks with a walker. She had four surgeries in four months. She has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in South Carolina and Florida.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong works two days a week in personnel at MWC. Dr. Anderson, College president, continues to improve. The day Frances wrote, she had been working in Dr. Anderson's office, filling in for secretaries on vacation. Frances still plays bridge every week and finds it relaxing.

Mary Alice Turman Carper wrote, "As time passes, my sister **Lillie Turman** and I find aging continues to slow our pace. Lillie observed her 90th birthday in good health except for some arthritis. I have been truly blessed healthwise, though find energy decreasing. Learning to live with limitations does not come easy, does it?"

Stewart Jones writes that she sees Dr. Alvey once or twice a week and that he is feeling better than he did before his brief stay in Mary Washington Hospital this summer. He continues his close association with the board of directors of the Mary Washington College Foundation, which has sponsored the publication of several of his books. A third printing of his *History of Mary Washington College* is now on sale at the Bookstore.

Stewart seems to keep busy in the community. High on her activity list is finishing a history of Hartwood Presbyterian Church and its environs, begun several years ago by her and her cousin. She is also working with a Boy Scout on gaining his Eagle recognition through cleaning and renovating the cemetery of a 1776 old school Baptist church destroyed by Union soldiers during the Civil War.

This past year, Stewart was asked to give information on some of the American patriots to the 10 classes of kindergarten/first grade of Hartwood Elementary School. So, dressed in period costumes, she impersonated Betsy Ross, Paul Revere, Mary Washington and Davy Crockett. The visits must have been successful as she has been invited to return this year, beginning as John Paul Jones.

Vernie Blankenship Knight writes of a wonderful year of celebrations. Bus celebrated his 90th birthday in February. Their children gave a party that included four of his close friends from childhood. In May, Vernie and Bus went to Charlottesville for the 68th reunion of Bus' class at U.Va. In August they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a small gathering of family and friends. Their two oldest grandchildren gave a musical presentation before dinner as guests assembled.

My Richmond daughter and her family and I celebrated my birthday in May at the home of my Washington daughter. We went to the Roosevelt Memorial. It is inspiring!

Thank you to all of you who sent me some news. I would appreciate hearing from more of you. How about it?

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I just returned from Columbus, Ohio, where I attended a medical conference sponsored by Ohio State U. and the Blepharospasm Research Foundation for Benign Essential Blepharospasm. It was a wonderful conference and opportunity to talk with doctors outside the confines of a doctor's office. By way of definition, blepharospasm is a rare disorder in which the eyelids close involuntarily and forcefully. The cause is unknown but research is underway to find it. It was a valuable time, helpful to be with others with the same problem and also learn tricks for coping.

A beautiful card arrived from **Marguerite Klenck Lovejoy**. On the back of the card it said it was a series of photographs of gardens around the country taken by Mark Lovejoy. Mark is Marguerite's artist son, a professional photographer, whose work appears in periodicals, books, calendars, etc. Marguerite, herself a flower lover, made a trip to the Texas hill country to see the wildflowers. She was there at bluebonnet time and says they were spectacular.

Virginia Morgan Kline and her husband, Ed, had a grand vacation at Cape May, N.J. Back home in Alexandria, Va., they keep busy and happy with the cultural offerings in Washington, D.C.

Before flying off to Italy, **Bertha "Mac" McPhail Johnson** wrote a quickie note. She had Emmy Lou Kilby on her mind, and I pass along her suggestion for us to write to Kilby at Sunrise of Arlington, 2000 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22207.

It was great to hear from **Phyllis Quimby Anderson**, who mentioned the Victory Chorus. Thanks, Phyllis, they are sweet memories! Phil and Hank are involved in church, choir and hand bells. They volunteer at a recycle center once a week. Before moving to Vermont nine years ago, Phil and Hank were asked, "What in the world do you find in Vermont?" Well, they are working on their old house and trying to keep up with the produce from a "too large garden." Besides that, they entertain all who come from the South to see what they are doing in Vermont!

Carolyn Turner Jamison wishes she had some exciting news to pass along. She says, "My world is keeping up with children and grandchildren." At a recent reunion at Sunset Beach, there were 13 of her immediate family and "the teen-agers all brought friends." You can bet that Carolyn is looking forward to the next class reunion in 1999.

Teddy Nickerson Burson and her husband moved from Charlotte and are now living on Cape Cod. They enjoyed a 17-day Elderhostel program in Argentina and also had a Christmas cruise, taking the whole family of 12 to the southern Caribbean.

Frances Tracy is teaching Bible and serving on a committee to interview candidates for the mission field.

Dot Woodson wrote, "It's hard nowadays not to define myself by listing chronic physical problems." Dot looks forward to each day. She and her husband enjoy their home on the hill overlooking the Blue Ridge and wintering in Arizona. "The biggest event of the summer," she says, "was our son's wedding. He married a delightful librarian who keeps me reading good books."

Ann Benner Gee says after celebrating her birthday, which was a series of celebrations, she and her wonderful family toured northern Wisconsin including the Apostles Islands and the Lake Superior area. She also traveled to Colorado and plans to be in Branson for the Christmas shows.

Jean Brill Davis is so proud of her oldest granddaughter, who graduated with honors from the UNC at Chapel Hill.

Elizabeth Stover Ozmer attended MWC for two years. She enjoys the news and recognizes some classmates' names. She writes, "There were three of my favorite friends: **Frances Lawson Spencer** '43, **Mary Ellen Glascock Staples** and **Elizabeth Canada Downer** (all now deceased), who joined me as we set out to conquer the world. My goal was to become a doctor like my father, but that adorable Dr. Iltis decided biology was not for me."

Adele Goyne Maxwell and husband Bill celebrated their 50th anniversary in May. They were able to have their party at the same place they had their wedding reception in 1946. **Jean Krout Haberle**, with husband Jack, and **Jean Ford Bates**, with husband Paul, attended. Both Jeans had been members of Adele's bridal party.

Through **Nancy Duval Andrews** we have received a thank-you letter from Corey Sell, our scholarship student. Nancy met Corey at a luncheon in the spring.

Nancy took her two children, their spouses and six grandchildren to Bermuda for a week and had a glorious time.

Hazel "Tommy" Strong Morris will be in Florida for the winter. **Jane Brownley Thomas** summered at her condo in Ocean City, Md. She and Nancy keep close touch. **Lois Webber Jackson** has moved from Florida back home to Longmeadow, Mass.

Nettie Evans Lawrey writes of a wonderful family reunion, and that Tom is doing well after a half-hip replacement which slowed him down for a time. (It's very stylish to walk with a cane, Tom.) Nettie and Tom are planning a trip to Hawaii in March '98.

June S. Thompson, besides line-dancing once a week, is also enjoying two books: Edward Rutherford's *London* and *Down the Common — A Year in the Life of a Medical Woman* by Ann Boes. "Both are fascinating." June knits, does traditional rug hooking, needlepoint, embroidery, and says she always has several things in progress.

Note from **Rebecca Engleman Russell**: She and Edwin attended their eighth Elderhostel in June, traveling from Richmond, Va., to Niagara Falls by Amtrak. They enjoyed a relaxing week at Stella Niagara, a retreat center, and were impressed by the beauty and grandeur of the falls and other places of interest along the Niagara River. **Julia Rose** also traveled with them.

Virginia Pumphrey Webb writes: "My sister and I returned recently from a great trip to the Low Countries and Germany. We went to the cheese market at Gouda, visited a porcelain factory in Delft and a bell museum in Heiligerlee. We attended a play based on the Pied Piper legend in Hamelin, visited towns where Martin Luther lived and cruised on the Rhine past the Lorelei Rock. In Berlin we saw such marvels of the ancient world as the Great Altar of Pergamum and the Ishtar Gate from Babylon. We cruised Amsterdam's canals and visited a diamond factory where the gems were cut and polished. We also saw some grimmer sights — the Plotzensee Memorial Center to victims of the Nazis, the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, the concentration camp at Buchenwald, the battlefields at Bastogne and Waterloo, leading us to reflect anew on the death and suffering caused by the lust for power."

Our heartfelt sympathy to **Laura "Jane" Stickell Cochran**, who lost her husband, Ed, to leukemia in May. They had been married 53 years. She wrote, "It is like losing a part of myself. I know where Ed is and that he is well, safe and happy. My faith has sustained me greatly. Our three children, their spouses and eight grands have all been such a comfort and help."

1946

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1948

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Marian Messersmith Snider has e-mailed that she will be bringing her husband to our reunion and hopes other husbands will also be coming. She has seen only three classmates in 50 years, so she's really primed for a lot of visiting time.

In June, **Sarah Armstrong Worman** was east for a visit with **Carol Byrd Williamson**. **Justine Edwards Borland**, **Anne Buckles Orteig** '49 and I met them for a festive luncheon gala and photo op at The Williamsburg Inn. The occasion was CB's significant birthday, celebrated in great style the next day at Va. Beach and attended by **Marge Batty Dey** and **Peggy Tuck Middleton**, among others. Justine has moved into a new home, and **Anne Gregg Woods** is her landscape adviser — a fine choice. Sarah's daughter and husband are having their '96 London marriage blessed in Ohio in September. The ceremony will be followed by a riverboat party down the Mississippi.

Still charging through every day, **Anne Barnes Baugh** exercises, swims, plays golf and tennis, as well as bridge. Recently, she had a two-week stint of volunteering in Haiti as part of a medical team. She has a peaceful and happy attitude, she writes, with no bad habits. Good for you, Anne; it sounds as though that philosophy really pays off.

Jeanne Shadwell Mangano has a very busy life driving 50 miles a day to care for and feed her ailing husband, who is confined to a nursing home. She continues to communicate with **Marguerite Potee**, a resident of Annandale, who, in her government job, has traveled all over the world. Jeanne has 18 grandchildren and seven cats. Wonder if this is a record for each in our class?

The record for the longest motoring trip surely goes to **Lina White Perry**, who drove from her home in Anchorage to Virginia in their motor home, and then on to Oregon to visit family before returning to Alaska.

Becky Fristoe Goode thoughtfully sent a program of Kilmarnock Art Center's spring production of *The Music Man*, which **Gene Watkins Covington** helped to produce as well as being cast as one of the River City Ladies.

Norvell Millner Hodges was in Danville this summer and was honored at a luncheon given by **Ellen Dyer Davis**. She saw many old friends, including **Betsy Robertson**, who will be spending three weeks in Italy this fall with **Marge Batty Dey** and **Anne Barnes Baugh**.

A secret garden, established and tended by **Ashby Griffin Mitchell** and husband Jake over the past 25 years, was revealed in a Culpeper, Va., newspaper recently. The roses, many, many varieties, were a joy to read about and have given the Mitchells much pleasure and many blue ribbons.

Once again we enjoyed a magical August in a 17th century manor house in Southern England and are now planning a November trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Well, "girls," this may be my final reminder of our reunion May 29-31, 1998. That is the weekend *after* Memorial Day. I hope it is on the calendar of every member of the Class of '48. I must admit that several times (most times) I have skipped the reunions — not interested, not psyched, too busy, whatever. But this really is a *very* special year, and I want to be a part of it, as I hope you do, and as we hope Drs. Alvey and Dodd will, also. **Ashby Griffin Mitchell** and I went to MWC the end of September to see what had already been planned; thereafter, the Alumni Office planned to send out more info.

1950

Dorothy Held Gawley
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I don't know how many of you saw *Money* magazine's rankings of the best buys in college education, which came out in August '97. MWC was first in Virginia and number 12 in the nation! Pretty good, don't you think?

Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni sent the good news that son Luis Angel is doing well after his liver transplant. He had moved into his own apartment and was job hunting. Her husband's health problems are also under control now. They were busy moving in August, since they bought a small house in a new development, still in Miami.

Rachel Nickey Morgenthaler and Skip have moved from Timonium, Md., to Cockeysville in the same state.

A mini-reunion was held in Vero Beach, Fla., when **Georgene Kirkendall McKernan** was visiting her MWC roommate (and cousin), **Mary Jane Basset Currier**, at her winter condo. They met with **Janet Hanson Livermore**, who was their suitemate for three years. They had not seen her since graduation. Janet and Herb have retired to Rockledge, Fla., after having lived in Texas, Illinois and New York. Georgene was director of special education services in Long Island, N.Y., before retiring, and sees Mary Jane as often as possible now that they are both widowed. Mary Jane recently sold her home of 35 years and now has a condo in Longmeadow, Mass.

Chris Doumas Conlin of Indianapolis wrote to share some of her activities over the years. After a divorce, she married Daniel Conlin, a widower with a son and daughter (just as she has), and she became a grandmother overnight. Between them they now have seven grandchildren. Chris is an avid devotee of antiques, belonging to two differ-

ent antique clubs: Questers and Antiquarian Club. To support their preservation projects, her Questers chapter presents vintage clothing style shows for churches and clubs. Chris also was an antique dealer for nine years. Her mother still lives on Hanover Street in Fredericksburg.

Several people commented on the article about Dr. Dodd in *MWC TODAY* and the cover photo with Dean Alvey. **Carolyn "Kit" Lee Kunkel**, who was a psych major, remarked on how she benefited from Dr. Dodd's stimulating classes. Kit was married 10 days after graduation, and spent the first four years of marriage at the Mayo Clinic, where Mint had a surgical fellowship. Two of their five children were born while they were there. Their great family sport was scuba diving — all of the children became certified, and for 15 years their vacation was spending a week on a boat in the middle of the Caribbean. Kit and Mint now have 10 grandchildren and have taken some on trips with them. Two grandsons accompanied them to Africa on safari and two other grandsons were taken to the Galapagos and Quito. Mint retired from surgical practice several years ago and was happy to have their youngest son join the Kunkel Surgical Group just before his retirement.

1952

Susan Hutcheson Jurgens
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Becoming class agent has brought me up to date on several classmates. **Alice Parsons Bennett** wrote that **Bunny Fawthrop Eubank** and Bill were in Seattle for a Rainbow Girls Convention. They stayed an extra day to visit Alice and Skip. Alice is busy with church, genealogical activities and their three grandchildren.

Both **Elaine Nader Powell** and **Mary Lou Finney Boyd** have been busy this spring. Elaine and Jim's daughter Ruthann was married in May and Mary Lou's son John in June.

Recently returned from a great vacation to Cancun, Mexico, were **Maxine Haley Hazelgrove** and family.

Ginny Orkney Philbrick and Phil of Bedford, Va., took John and me for a delicious lunch recently. We also go to a lot of Elderhostels. In May, while we were attending one in Murfreesboro, Tenn., **Kitty Wells Ball** and Ted came up for an afternoon visit. **Carol Oliver Headlee** and Tom spent a night with us in late May, and we attended a play in Roanoke.

I recently received a note from **Kay Birmingham Kennedy**, Ft. Washington, Pa. She and Michael also do a lot of traveling and have more trips planned.

Phylliss "Butch" Farmer Shaffer of Isle of Palms, S.C., was honored in February. An article in her local newspaper praised her many volunteer projects. In 1968 Butch cofounded and continues to star in the local American Cancer Society's "Step 'n Time" yearly musical variety revue. This year $98,320 was netted to combat cancer.

1954

Vera Bestwick Willis
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Lois Manton Graff Reiser and family celebrated Dad Reiser's 99th birthday in August. Their oldest son, Robert, has three children. Son David and Eleanor live in Denver, have one son and are expecting another one in March 1998. Richard is in real estate. The two youngest sons graduated from NYU in 1996 and 1997 with degrees in drama.

I have been treasurer of the Altar Guild at church since 1977 and am still substituting for the Alexandria City Public Schools and St. Stephens and St. Agnes private school. I also volunteer at the Little Theater of Alexandria — wardrobe, usher, or box office. I am co-president for the American Association of University Women — Alexandria Branch 1997-1999. I was also elected president in 1977, 1979 and again in 1995. I have held many other offices in the branch and have been active on the state level, also. So you can see I have been busy.

1956

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1958

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From Lucy:

The big 40th reunion will be coming soon. I certainly hope you have reserved the date. Big plans are awaiting you! Be certain to register early to receive all reunion information. See you there!

1960

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1964

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1966

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Pam Kearney Patrick has returned to the D.C. area after being away for 25 years. She and Tab are now stationed at Bolling Air Force Base, where Tab is managing the Air Force Band and the honor guard at Arlington Cemetery. Pam is assisting Diane Sutton, the commander's wife, with her duties and finds the work very interesting and satisfying, especially since she is able to take time to enjoy Washington. The real challenge of living in Bolling housing, however, was to cram 25 crates of household items into a small house, so Pam and Tab resorted to the pick-and-pack method of repacking many of their belongings to return to storage. They are looking forward to reclaiming their townhouse in Old Town Alexandria, Va., when their two-year assignment is completed and Tab retires. Meanwhile, their boys are still in Sacramento, Calif.

Betsy Chappelear Tryon reports that her year-round teaching position is with second grade this session. Her son, Frank, is beginning a career as an actor with a bit part in the movie "Batman." Look for him in his tuxedo. Daughter Maureen finished her studies at UCLA in August and is planning a 1998 fall wedding.

In July **Susan Hanes Orrison** became Mrs. William Chaney in a beautiful ceremony at their country church in Orlean, Va. After a honeymoon in Maine filled with touristy things and delicious seafood, Susan and Bill are settling into their spacious brick rambler in Marshall, Va. The 20 acres provides space for Susan's horse and Doberman and allows Bill, who is retired from the Coast Guard, a great opportunity to adjust to life on a farmette.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner faxed me a newsy letter after she returned from her '97 loan workshop, where their customers come each year for updates on the computer systems her company sells. Next year it's scheduled for Hilton Head and should include some beach fun. Mary Kathryn continues to attend the annual needlepoint classes in England while visiting Charlie's family there. She traveled to Toronto in August to a gathering of the English, American and Canadian cousins, who plan to reunite in 2000 in England. Locally, Mary Kathryn has seen **Lee Enos Kelley**, who lives in Fairfax, Va., handing out voting information for the Alexandria commonwealth's attorney. **Mary Parsons Black** keeps in touch with Mary Kathryn by e-mail now that she's stationed in Spain with her Navy husband and offers her address to anyone who will contact Mary Kathryn. **Linda Spangler Berkheimer** also corresponds by e-mail from Frederick, Md. Mary Kathryn and Charlie are status quo since it allows them plenty of golf time, including attending the Masters' this year.

My retirement from teaching so far seems just like an extended summer vacation, especially since Hank and I have been too busy to notice that I didn't return to school this fall. We are enjoying our new boat, which provides the entire family great recreational activities. We even sailed out into the Atlantic Ocean through Oregon Inlet, N.C., while on vacation at the Outer Banks last summer. Although our intention was to fish, we experienced a short voyage filled with the excitement of dolphin, high waves and high winds, but no fish. Our other outings were limited to Albemarle Sound for skiing, tubing and some successful fishing. Of course, the youngest grandson caught the most fish! Recently we have been entertaining young friends from Denmark and some business associates from Peru. My Spanish is getting a good workout, but Danish is beyond me. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you in English.

1968

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I'm writing you this note while sitting in the parlor at Trench Hill, where I lived my junior year. Deja vu! I just attended a planning meeting for Reunion Weekend '98, which will, of course, be our 30th.

After you read this edition of *MWC Today*, please pull out your yearbooks and other MWC memorabilia and think about what your MWC experience meant to you. Then make plans to be here May 29-31, 1998.

Information will be coming to you soon from the Alumni Office. Our reunion coordinator is **Pam Tompkins Huggins**, and our class booklet editor is **Cindy Long**. **Merrilyn Sawyer Dodson** is the alumni association vice president for Reunion Weekend, so she's also working hard to make this an unforgettable experience for all of us.

Last minute news: **D. Helaine Patterson**, who is director of the public information office for Yale U. School of Medicine in New Haven and a resident of Hamden, is among the first group of seven individuals selected to become Fellows of Connecticut United for Research Excellence, Inc. (CURE). She was recognized for her public relations advice and editorial oversight on many of CURE's publications. In addition to CURE, she is president of the board of directors of the Eli Whitney Museum in Hamden. Prior to joining Yale in 1985, she was director of the medical center public information office for the U.Va. Medical Center and director of the U.Va. Public Information Office. CURE is a not-for-profit coalition of more than 70 organizations.

1970

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As I write this column, the 1997 school year has just begun, and I am reminded of autumns many years ago at MWC. Remember walking through the crunchy orange and yellow leaves on your way to Seacobeck? Or noticing the nip in the air as you sprinted to your 8 a.m. class wearing your raincoat over your nightgown?

When **Kathy Abel Wiggins** was in the Washington, D.C., area this past summer, **Elaine Wilson Maloney** and I met her for lunch.

I heard from **Kaye Webster Weinstein** in Richmond, Va., who, during our senior year, became Kaye Webster Cline. She wrote that "so much has happened through the years, but the dancing has continued." After MWC, Kaye received a dance degree from James Madison and served on the faculties of a number of colleges and universities. She is a teacher and choreographer at the Richmond Ballet Center for Dance, a visiting instructor at Randolph-Macon College, and an Artist-in-Education in the Virginia Commission Artists-in-Education Residency Program. She sounds as if she has a wonderful time traveling and sharing her dance knowledge by conducting master classes and workshops. Kaye also keeps in contact with her former roommate, **Martha Veasey**, who teaches and lives in Richmond, and **Diane Sampson Luttrell**, who teaches and lives in Urbanna, located in the northern neck of Virginia. In fact, Kaye and husband Bob have bought a home near Diane on the Chesapeake Bay.

Martha Pickard Zink lives in Ruxton, Md., with her husband of 28 years. They love to travel and do quite a bit of it — to places like Fort Lauderdale, New Mexico, New England, Canada and Colorado. I was envious to read about them skiing in Aspen and rafting on the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers in Maine, even though the latter adventure left Martha with a black eye! When I received her letter, they had just come home aboard the *Q.E. II* from a trip to Scotland. In her research before the trip she discovered that she and Rip share ancestors back in the 17th century, "which may explain why we look alike!"

Kathy Shepherd Mehfoud announced that in June 1997 she completed her eight years of service on the Board of Visitors of MWC. She said that she'll miss her close connection to the College and noted, "Much has changed with MWC, but the high quality student body and education program remain intact." The month before Kathy ended her service on the board, she had an exciting, hectic time. Son John graduated from James Madison U. After that, Kathy flew to San Diego to speak at a national conference on special education law, and while there she hosted a regional alumni gathering for MWC. A few days later her daughter, Amy, graduated from MWC. As Kathy was still on the board at that time, she was able to hand the degree to her daughter personally as well as deliver some remarks to her class and their families at the earlier convocation. Later the same day, Kathy attended her oldest son's graduation from Medical College of Virginia. (Do you think she was tired at this point?) David finished first in his class and will be doing an internship in radiology at the U. of Pennsylvania. In addition, David got married about 10 days later to Vivian Hwang, also a doctor, whose internship will be in emergency medicine. I hope Kathy had a chance to get some rest after that unparalleled month!

1972

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Greetings! I'm excited to be the new agent for our class.

At Reunion, those of us who stayed in the dorms — a somewhat rustic experience, although worth the continual deja-vus — had a lot of time to catch up on the years since graduation. **Martie Whitehead Allen**, **CeCe Priest Stanfield**, **Gail Sherwood Cervarich**, **Mary E. Howell** '73, and I braved Madison. Along with **Mary Ann Wegener Henderson**, **Jan Donaldson Morgan**, and **Eileen Condike Togashi**, we spent hours on Ball third reminiscing. (Nothing's changed up there! Those rooms are exactly as we left them in '72. However, Madison has been modernized with showers in the bathtubs.) We relived everything from favorite professors, Seacobeck, and peace marches in D.C. to *The American Chair* (four of us were art history majors). Speaking of art history, it was fun to reconnect with **Terri Hall Alford**, who is criss-crossing the country as a Navy wife.

Living in Norfolk, I see a lot of alums. I ran into **Jill Purkabeck White** at a party in July, and I've seen **Penny Keller Archibald** in the past year. Since many of us now are raising teen-agers, the common theme often is how we're coping with that responsibility along with old careers, new careers, and a few gray hairs. Commiseration is one of the benefits of these encounters.

1974

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From Janelle:

Jonette de Butts Hahn wrote in July to say that she had made a major career change; after 18 years with the state of Maryland, she decided to enter the private sector and is now the manager of real estate consulting for Reznick, Fedder & Silverman, a national CPA and consulting practice. Her specialty area is the low income housing tax credit and multi-family finance and development. She is single again after almost 20 years of marriage and lives in Annapolis. She has two teen-age sons, Tory and Bert.

I talked to **Cindy Kear** recently to congratulate her on the release of her first novel, *Searching for Grace*, published by HMR Publishing. Cindy and her book were featured this fall on the "Open Book" television show on A&E.

Please let us hear from you. No one likes to see empty space under Class of '74!

1976

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I received a phone message from **Dave Kitterman**, who insinuated he had some interesting gossip. He was lying, of course, but did tell of having a nice summer visit at his palatial brick home in King George County, Va., with **Seth Brown** '78 and his family. While lounging by the pool and listening to cds played in Seth's car, they apparently ran down the battery and had to jump-start Seth's brand new Rolls with one of Dave's old farm tractors. (I'm sure some of this tale was exaggerated.)

After all these years, it was great to hear from **Liz Hoffman**. She has been in England, Northern Virginia, California and finally back in Northern Virginia, using her art, teaching certificate and a combination of a lot of activities and experiences. **Hannah Patterson Crew** writes that she relaxed at home this summer with her girls, but she and Todd will be celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary in the coming year with a trip to Hawaii.

Madelin Jones Barratt sent her husband, Henry, and 12-year-old son William on a mission trip to Kenya while she held down the fort at home with Ellen, 9, and Anna, 2½. Madelin says she will continue teaching music at her children's school. She ran into **Judy Sledge Joyce** and her 1-year-old son at the Air and Space Museum during the summer. **Sue Sondlein Luscomb** writes from Germantown, Tenn., that following a summer filled with weeks of visiting several national parks in Wyoming and South Dakota and visiting Utah, she will be PTA president at her daughter's middle school and will continue her involvement with Girl Scouts.

Paula Boyd Drumheller writes that she and Gary, who have been married for 16 years, are enjoying their two children, and Paula is involved with ice skating, both figure skating and ice hockey instruction. **Judy Martens Staples** writes from Cincinnati, Ohio, that she enjoys her ER nursing and that she and husband Keith have three children. She cruised the Greek Isles and visited Turkey in May 1997 and is very involved with her children's schools.

Sandy McLoughlin Liles writes from Louisville, Ky., that she has become a Wildcat fan despite the fact that husband Don and son Wes, a high school freshman, are UNC fans. She attended the Kentucky Derby last spring and extends an invitation for all to visit. In 1993 she received her SBB from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and

has worked as a reference technologist at the American Red Cross for seven years, but will soon serve as the education coordinator for the Kentucky Association of Blood Banks.

Virginia Dillon Rush writes that she has been residing in Gaeta, Italy, where husband Rick, a captain in the U.S. Navy, is attached to COMSIXTHFLT. Her oldest son is a sophomore at JMU, and her younger son is a high school sophomore at the American Overseas School in Rome.

Lieutenant Colonel **Susan Akley Schneider** is currently assigned to HQ, III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas, where she heads a task force on logistics reengineering. She and husband Rick reside in nearby Harker Heights and enjoy boating on Lake Belton. They are planning a visit to the family farm on the Chesapeake Bay near Princess Anne, Md.

From nearby Manassas, **Deborah Powers Sims** writes that she and husband Gene celebrated 22 years of marriage in 1997. Their eldest of three sons will be considering MWC in fall 1998. Deborah has been a preschool inclusion teacher for Prince William County and will be working on a master's in preschool special education.

Kate Sullivan Sutherland is the department chair for foreign languages at Atlantic High School in Port Orange, Fla. She is working on her master's degree, active in the Methodist church, and has two sons.

Kim Stambaugh Jureckson and husband Mitch have been living in Lancaster, Pa., for the last eight years, and they have three children. In addition to parenting duties, she is teaching modern dance for the Lancaster School of Ballet and choreographing for Ballet Theater of Lancaster and the Lancaster Opera Company. Kim hopes soon to form a modern dance company comprised mainly of "40-something" dancers.

After complimenting me on my successful appeal for urgent news, **Lundy Baker Updike** writes that the fall is busy as usual with her three boys. Karate and swimming are family activities. Lundy's husband, Jim, is director of engineering at the Newseum of Arlington, while Lundy recently resigned her position with NBC after 20 years (mostly graphics) to have a personal renaissance this past summer. She is finding the time to immerse herself in family activities, personal hobbies, and just hanging out.

Kathleen Chapman and husband Michael Hushek celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in March 1997. They have a son and a daughter. Kathleen received her teaching certificate from Arizona State U. and taught for two years before staying home with children for 10 years. She more recently tutored and currently substitutes in the Tempe school district. Her family takes advantage of the natural resources and beauty in Arizona, hiking and camping in the desert, mountains and forests.

Jeanne St. Martin Cline is now living in Baton Rouge, La., with husband Jack and son Richard. She taught for 20 years, mostly in Gate City, Va., while living in Kingsport, Tenn. She is active in the Junior League and Delta Kappa Gamma, a teachers' sorority, and recently enrolled in a course at LSU. Her sister, **Jo-Marie St. Martin** '82, recently married Robert Green of Maryland, and mother **Jean Quillen St. Martin** '48 is now retired after 44 years of teaching in Kingsport.

Morgan Robinson Hapeman, a pilot for United Parcel Service flying mostly international routes, has been married to Wayne J. "Skip" Hapeman, a pilot for Continental Airlines, for 15 years. They live on one of the Finger Lakes in upstate New York with four very spoiled cats.

I recently saw **Emmett Snead** at the farmers' market in Fredericksburg, and his business is thriving. So much so, that we couldn't chat. So, Emmett wrote me a note to say that he'd received a letter from **Steve Jones** '75, who still loves living in Australia. Emmett and wife Ellen have three daughters.

I have received several communications from **Alison Haworth Regan**, who will soon be returning from nine months in Baku, Azerbaijan. **Don Wolthius** '77 sent a copy of a *Washington Post Magazine* article covering his prosecution of a militia group in southwestern Virginia. I see **Marty Manch** '75 and **Susie Manch** '78 on a regular basis — our 7-year-olds have been in the same class for the past two years. Susie gave Marty a birthday party in December 1995 and in attendance were **Richie Hasty** and **Barb Kennedy Hasty** '80, who just a month later sat with me during my father's quadruple bypass surgery at Mary Washington Hospital, where both still work at various labs.

My husband, Kerry, and I spent the summer transporting our two boys to various swimming lessons, baseball camps and tennis lessons. I have enrolled at MWC in a course for historic preservation. While finding the course interesting, it is also eerie to be back on campus after so many years.

For your information, I would like you to know that anyone can attend Reunion Weekend, any year, so don't wait for our five-year-period to roll around — organize your own mini-reunions and get together more often.

1978

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By the time you read this, our 20th reunion will already be in the planning stages. It's hard to believe that we have been away from the MWC campus for 20 years. We have lost some very dear friends and traveled many miles in this time. I hope, though, that many of us will return this summer for our reunion.

Lynn Connor Merring married Bob, a California attorney, in March 1996. She is now a librarian for the Orange County office of Paul Hastings, Janofsky and Walker. **Pam Brown** was a bridesmaid. **Robin Wellander Weeks** is living in San Diego. **Penny Firth** received her Ph.D. in aquatic ecology in 1983 and went to work in South Carolina. She then moved on to NASA in Washington, D.C. In 1991 she moved to the National Science Foundation, where she initiated a grants program to study water and watersheds. This took her many places, including Siberia. Penny met and married Dave; they now have two children and live in Vienna, Va.

Robyn Reed, **Kathy King Wirtala**, **Toni Showalter Scott**, and **Susan Haas Meyer** got together to celebrate turning the Big 40. Robyn has her own business, FIRINN creative, in Arlington. Toni, an art teacher in the Spotsylvania School System, and her husband, **Jerry Scott** '79, have two children and live in Fredericksburg. Kathy and husband Joe live in Fredericksburg with their three children. **Jane Roth Baugh** and husband Tom still live in Roanoke, where she is the director of information services, which combines the library and records sections. Tom is the director of music at their church. **Anne Sauder** '80, a teacher in Rockbridge County, joins them for special choral presentations.

This last year has been a very busy one. My husband had to have shoulder surgery one month after his mother's death. I've done three long-term sub jobs. It's been hectic.

Our prayers go out to the family of **Jeff John**. We will all miss his contagious smile and caring personality.

1980

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Linda Ellen Jones visited me in June. We sailed to Annapolis, Md., for the weekend with my husband, David, and our two children. The weather was lovely and the sailing quite nice. Linda enjoys teaching at Alfred U. in New York. Over the summer she traveled quite a bit, giving lectures at the carbon conference in State College, Pa., and at the glass conference in Toronto, Canada. She is currently trying to sell her 102-year-old four-bedroom house and would love to have some MWC alumni living nearby.

Amy Hauck Newman is very busy with work and her three children. She was in the midst of preparing for a party at her lovely home in Phoenix, Md., when I called. Her three children were enjoying summer vacation and were also getting ready to visit Amy's parents in New York.

1982

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From Carla:

Last July, my daughter and I visited **Debbie Snyder Barker**, hubby John, and their three children. Debbie was a wonderful hostess, taking us to all of the tourist spots in the D.C. area. That same weekend, **Tara Corrigall**, **Donna Dealto Stacia** with hubby Bill, and **Vicki Haynes Morris** sans family all came to Debbie's for a mini-reunion of Russell second floor south. Tara brought delicious homemade pies. Vicki came down from Wisconsin to visit with Donna a few days. My old roomie has a wonderful way of making everyday circumstances absolutely hilarious — she should write books like Erma Bombeck.

Donna and Bill are in the Northern Virginia area for awhile, renting a townhouse. Donna shared her experiences with driving fast cars. It seemed like we'd only been out of college for a few years. John secretly drove down to Fredericksburg and made a stop for some Carl's ice cream, which added to the nostalgia. It was a great weekend.

From Anne Marie:

As you can see from the column heading, I am now one of your links to get the news of '82 into *MWC TODAY*. I have not heard from you. Please send your news.

1984

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From David:

Most of the news is about Fredericksburg area alums. **Greg Branner** and **Anna Mueller Branner** '85 have moved back to Fredericksburg. Greg is still busy with hospital administration in Woodbridge, and Anna is using her historic preservation skills at Kenmore. **Lois Walthall Murdaugh** is shaping young minds at the Children's House Preschool and volunteering her counseling talents at Fredericksburg Personal Counseling Center. **Jackie Turk Epling** is braving the MWC foreign language department once again. Already a French teacher in Fredericksburg, she is completing Spanish courses for further teaching certification. Outside the Fredericksburg area, congratulations go to **Andra Powell McKown** and her husband, Marty, on the birth of their fourth son.

1986

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Fun times continue for the class of '86! **Irene Thomaidis**, **Lisa Harvey**, **Mina Holden Horn**, **Ann Stack Bartenstein**, **Stephanie Doswald Sebolt**, **Brenda Thier Evans** and **Tracy Greener Hollan** got together in Baltimore last July to celebrate **Jocelyn Piccone**'s (now Jocelyn Allgood) upcoming wedding — we all found it cosmic that Jocelyn's husband Kirk was born at Mary Washington Hospital! We enjoyed a fun lunch at Lista's on the harbor and then Brenda had everyone over to her new home for a barbecue. Tracy and husband Michael were expecting the arrival of daughter Reagan in November.

Julie Evetts Clarke and her husband, Buck, are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Nicholas Evetts Clarke, from Tyer, Russia. The three arrived home in July and are settling comfortably into their new life as a family. Julie and her family recently got together with **Ginny Farquharson Voyack** at Ginny's new home in Sterling, Va. Julie occasionally spends time with **Jill Vander Schaaf Schwartz** and her family, including recent new additions, twins Eric and Julia. **Tracy Gibson** also had a new arrival this year, a son. **Tina Sandridge Carlston** and husband Chris had a baby girl in July.

Karen Anderson tells us that she has relocated to a new abode in San Francisco and has been spending a lot of time on her new hobby, windsurfing! **John Hummel** recently became a tenured professor at UCLA. **Stephanie Doswald Sebolt** was planning a trip to Korea in fall 1997. **Michelle Runge** is still buzzing around the globe for her job at Westrim Crafts. **Karen McKenna** '87 planned to tie the knot in October 1997.

I was happy to hear from **Maureen Fleegal**, who supplied me with updates on several of our classmates. Maureen is living in Springfield, Va., with her husband of nine years, Brett, and their two sons. Maureen reports that **Anna Kelly** is living in Richmond, Va., and working as a human resources officer for the Virginia House of Delegates. **Nancy Doyle Groves** has settled in Herndon, Va., with husband Scott and infant daughter Lauren. **Kathy Hayden** '85 lives in Sterling, Va., and works as a resource teacher for the Loudoun County School System.

News of some other MWC friends: **Meg Bain Hinders** '85 and her husband, **Larry Hinders** '85, live in Bowling Green, Va., with their daughter and were expecting a second child in fall 1997. Larry teaches English at Caroline High School, where he also coaches tennis and cross country.

1988

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From Jay:

Don Appiarius is currently director of student life and director of disability services at the U. of Illinois at Springfield. He is in charge of judicial affairs, student events, student government, student clubs and disability support services. He was married on his birthday, Oct. 15, 1994, to a beautiful Brazilian, Vivian Lee Couto, who works in the medical field. Don in also the principal of a facilitation and mediation consortium, "Beasdancers," and lectures throughout the country on higher education issues. He still loves to play tennis and plans to begin work on his doctorate next year.

As for myself, I still enjoy flying the G2 corporate jet. The wedding plans are going well, and Kathy and I are on track for a spring wedding. You could almost call me an expert on china patterns by now! My flying adventures took me to Anchorage, Alaska, for a week in September. If you haven't been to Alaska, move it to the top of your list. It is truly beautiful! During my stay, I got my seaplane rating. In my attempt to find a company to do the training I literally stumbled on a mechanic working on a float plane. He directed me to the owner of the company, Dennis Safranek. After a couple of phone conversations, we figured out that his wife was an MWC graduate.

Kelly Ittenbach Safranek '88 went to Alaska with her mother three years ago on a family vacation. They took an air tour of Mt. McKinley, and Dennis, the pilot, asked her out to dinner. She returned a few months later (without Mom!) and that's when Dennis popped the big question on the summit of Mt. McKinley. Her mother married them shortly thereafter. Kelly runs Bush Airventures, Inc, on Merrill Field in Anchorage. She can be reached at 907-279-9600 or e-mail her at flybai@alaska.net. Tell her that you are an MWC alumni when you make a reservation to go on a scenic tour, and you'll get a free T-shirt.

From Ken:

Here I am at the center of the universe — Manhattan! Just moved in September after spending an amazing summer on Long Island and Fire Island. Who would have thought I would ever go back to New York, but here I am, enjoying every second of it. I'm still working for the same company, Oncor, a cancer genetics company, selling DNA to the hospitals here. My original plan was to spend a year at home and then move to the city, but I got a call from **Kristen Pedisich**'s '86 sister, Erin. Her roommate was moving out and she offered me a room in her two-bedroom apartment in Chelsea. How could I pass it up?

I haven't heard from anyone in the past six months, so I'll have to go on whom I've seen. **Adam Smith** and I recently had dinner together. He's living in Fairfax and working for himself as an executive recruiter. I also flew out to Los Angeles for a vacation and saw **Lisa Barker**. She's living just outside of L.A. in Sylmar and runs a house for the mentally handicapped. She's been out there for about two years and absolutely loves it.

Don't forget that our class reunion is this coming spring.

1990

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Sean Michael Dargan, official rock star of the Class of 1990, played with The Who at The Nissan Pavilion in August. **Chris Bonner** '89 is working as a writer for VH-1's "Pop Up Video" and living in New York City. **Colleen Cummings** '94 started nursing school at MCV in Richmond this fall. I had a great visit with **Andrea Schwalm Stolz** '89, husband John, and their adorable son in July. They live in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and hope to stay there forever.

Chris King '92 is taking the big plunge and getting married sometime in 1998. **Ginny Littlejohn Brockwell** '89 lives in Richmond with husband Richard and their 2-year-old son and works at Federated Insurance. Ginny is also beginning work on a master's program in insurance. **Susie Surina Reardon** '89 is working as a contractor for the CIA and just bought a house in Reston, Va.

Jeff Lebowitz '91 just finished his M.S. in chemistry and is working for the FBI. Jeff and wife **Jennifer Hoye** live in Centreville, Va., and have two children. My husband, **Brad McDonald**, started a new job as assistant project director for Goodwin and Associates, an archaeology firm with a new office in Hampton, Va. Brad and I just bought a new house and hope to move sometime before the end of 1997.

1992

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From Dorothy:

Pam Criser Ginger wrote me recently with some good news. She and husband Mike had their second child, a little girl, in March. Pam has also started her own business as an environmental consultant/geologist, which is keeping her busy.

Michele Parks is working in Georgetown, S.C., as a registrar in a historical home called the Kaminski House Museum. While cataloging all of the items in the house, she discovered a valuable diamond brooch. It was quite an exciting find for her and the museum!

Elmer "Chip" Walker lives and works in Chicago, Ill. He is employed by a company called Everen and is enjoying the "windy city."

I spent a weekend with **Kim Ekhart Piper**, **Lisa Wilbanks Rentenbach**, and **Carrie Reams** at Smith Mountain Lake. The big news for the weekend is that Carrie and **James Whalen** '91 are engaged and planning an August '98 wedding. The other big news is that Kim and her husband, Keith, are expecting their second child in March. Lisa and husband Tim have been busy renovating their house and keeping their cat and two yellow labs straight.

1994

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From Kelly:

It's hard to imagine that seven years ago we were freshmen. A lot has happened since then. For those of you who noted the change in my address, I have been living in Charlotte, N.C. since August. I teach sixth grade at a middle school in Charlotte-Mecklenberg County. Needless to say, my students occupy most of my time, but I love them dearly.

I heard from **Meta Winston** that she has "found (her) niche in 'the real world'." Meta lives outside Chapel Hill, N.C., and works for LabCorp as a medical technologist. **David Winningham** and his wife also reside in North Carolina, in Raleigh.

Jennifer Koch Patton writes that she works at Johns Hopkins U., where she helps coordinate The Johns Hopkins U. Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth. She and her husband live in Baltimore, Md. Jen also writes that **Ashley Endres** '95 works for the Kennedy Center.

Anna Martin taught theater arts in Las Cruces, N.M., last year. This year she is doing volunteer work for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Sacramento, Calif. She is one of the 107 new volunteers serving in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Southwest. The Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) is the oldest and largest Catholic lay volunteer program in the United States. The Southwest region places volunteers in a variety of social service agencies throughout California and Arizona, including domestic violence and homeless shelters, schools, medical clinics, and AIDS ministries.

Marnie Pasciuto had much to share about her classmates and friends. Marnie graduated from East Carolina U. in July 1996 with an M.A. in public administration. She works in Arlington, Va., for the Marasco Newton Group, Ltd. **Colette Crabill** graduated from the U. of Notre Dame with an M.A. in art history. Colette works for the National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C. **Wendy Streule** also is working on an M.A. in art history at Syracuse U. **Kerri Barile** is just beginning her M.A. in anthropology and museum studies at the U. of South Carolina. **Kelly Barnes-Oliver** is finishing her M.A. in art history at Florida State U. Her husband, **Dan Oliver**, works for the U.S. Dept. of Labor in Tallahassee.

Marnie Pasciuto also sent news about some non-1994 graduates. **Niloufar Tavassoli** '93 lives in Fairfax and works for Techmatics as an engineer. **Kim Wood** '95 lives in Fairfax and works for EPA contractor The Marasco Newton Group, Ltd. as an Internet Web-page designer. Marnie can thank Kim for his job at Marasco Newton. **Trae Stewart** '95 ran the language learning center of the Annandale, Va., campus of Northern Virginia Community College and has recently relocated to Los Angeles to attend a Ph.D. program at the U. of Southern California. **Natalie Kerr** '95 was recently accepted to Hollins College in Roanoke, Va., for a master's program in experimental psychology; she began in the fall. **Jason Chipman** '95 just finished his second year of law school at U.Va. and worked for the law firm of Hogan and Hartson last summer. **Mikhael Charnoff** '95 spent a year after graduation as an admissions counselor for MWC. He then headed to U.Va. for law school; he's finished one year. Marnie also said, "My sister, **Allison Pasciuto** '96, has just completed her first year of graduate school at Washington State U. in Pullman, Wash. She is pursuing a master's/Ph.D. in anthropology, specifically studying body symbolism/embodiment of Samoan society through the study of Samoan tattooing."

Dianne Bonner works in Raleigh, N.C. for the N.C. State Dept. of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources in the ground-water section. Dianne was engaged to be married in October to Brian Thomas. **Kym France** is also engaged to be married in June 1998.

Dan Corbin lives in Northern Virginia and works for Reuters. **Jason Marsh**, also in Northern Virginia, works for the accounting/finance department for a computer company. **Jason Friedman** completed his M.A. in criminal justice from John Jay in New York City. And **Zach Skelding** is at Johns Hopkins working towards a master's/Ph.D. in Chemistry.

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Catesby Davis has had a busy year. In September she became Mrs. Steve Cullum. Catesby has also been working at Our Lady of Hope Health Center, a nursing facility. She will be continuing in a career in social work with her new husband in Richmond. **Amy Foley Jarrell** also lives in Richmond with her husband and new baby boy.

Tracy Vecchione is working in Rockville, Md., at RICA, a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed adolescents. She is also beginning a master's of social work program at VCU's Northern Virginia campus. **Danita Moore** is working as promotions coordinator at Meridian One Corp. in Alexandria and is considering grad school in her future. **Maria Oldfield** writes that she has been busy since graduation working two part time jobs in merchandising for American Greeting Card Co. and William Wrigley, Jr. Co.

Another busy bee, **Alissa Magrum** has been in Oklahoma doing community service as an Americorps volunteer. She works with Native American children grades 1-12 helping them to be successful in schools and in their communities. She also works for the American Youth Soccer Organization. On top of all that, Alissa married Douglas Osborn in October.

April Tofanelli has left Gap and is now working for a telecommunication firm called Winstar in Tyson's Corner. **Becky Jones** is working at SAIC, also in Tyson's. **Tom Schroeder** participated in an Outward Bound program last summer in Central America. **Sam Morris** is in Charlottesville working for an optometry office. **Keith Conley** is also in Charlottesville and works for the U.Va. financial aid department.

One of our many classmates still in school, **Catherine Shelton** is attending graduate school at Georgia State U. in Atlanta. **Jen Rudalf**, **Harry Thomas** '97, and **Stephanie Phillips** are attending graduate school at James Madison U. These three are working in the counseling psychology program and are thankful to have each other for support in Harrisonburg. **Adam Lurie** is currently attending U. of Maryland's School of Law. His former housemates, **Kurt Bratten** and **Mike Mattock**, are also in law school. Kurt is at the New England School of Law in Boston and Mike is at George Mason — was there something in the water at their house?

IN MEMORIAM

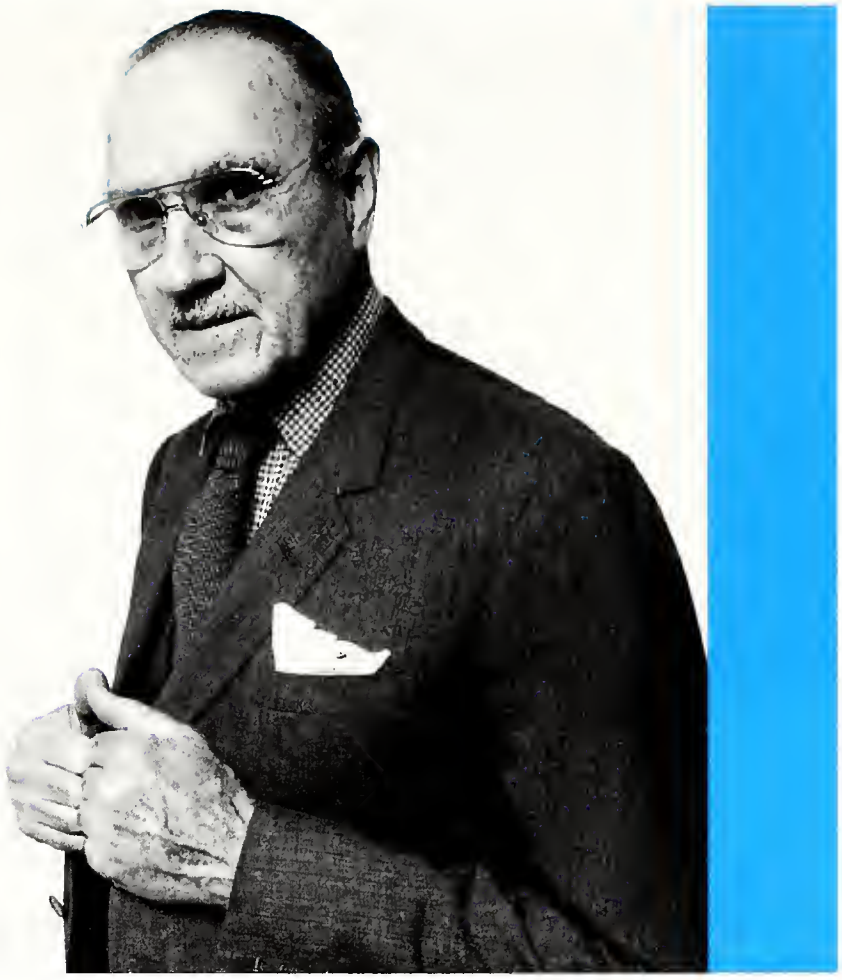
We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Mary Young Tate '28
Bessie Dickenson Clarke '30
Louise Goodwin '30
Madeline Norris '34
Mary Dennis Butler '35
Mary E. Mason '36
Lily Ruff Maynard '38
Mary Elizabeth Mather '41
Anne Lee Goodloe Williams '46
Florence Brockley '48
Mary Garland Holland Coolidge '48
Mary Beale Laine '51
Molly Bettcher Stauback '51
Ann North Gaines Louisell '52
Zella A. Wyker '55
Jeffrey John '78
E. Frances Funk '82

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to those who have recently lost loved ones.

Louise Goodwin '30, who lost her brother
Laura Jane Stickell Cochran '44, who lost her husband
Jackie Davis Roberts '52, who lost her husband
Faith Moss Prescott '61, who lost her husband
Louise Couch Girvin '62, who lost her half-brother
Garnette Lewis Doggett '62, who lost her mother
Joyce-Anne Hartley Mitcheltree '62, who lost her husband
Marcia Martin '68, who lost her mother
Maureen Murphy McCart '68, who lost her husband
Becky Chambers Scanlon '76, who lost her husband



IN MEMORY: Julien BINFORD

It was a happy day for Julien Binford — and for Mary Washington College — when he joined the faculty as professor of painting back in the fall of 1946, an association that was to last for 25 years.

A native Virginian, Binford grew up in Georgia and attended school there. He gave up his premedical studies at Emory University because, as he put it, he did better at anatomical drawing than he did on quizzes. So he enrolled at the Art Institute of Chicago, and, upon graduation in 1932, was awarded the prestigious Edward L. Ryerson Traveling Fellowship.

After some European travel, Binford settled in France, where he began to paint the jewel-like gouaches that won the admiration of French writers, poets and collectors. His work, exhibited in Paris, was widely acclaimed for its imagination, spirit and originality.

While living in Paris, Binford met and subsequently married the former Countess Elizabeth Bollée de Vautibault. Mrs. Binford was a constant companion and inspiration. She did research for his mural projects and posed for several of his best portrait studies.

Binford returned to the United States in the mid-1930s. He and his wife lived in New York while he continued to work at his easel. His paintings were handled by Midtown Galleries, which represented him for more than 50 years.

Meanwhile, Binford purchased an old foundry at Fine Creek Mills, Va., which dates from the War of 1812. The restoration and development of the property was a major project of the Binfords for many years. It was magnificently restored, thanks to their good taste and hard work.

In his early days at Fine Creek Mills, Binford painted many of his neighbors. Among the best known of these pictures are "The Scythe Sharpener," "The Crap Shooter" and "The Razor Fight." During World War II, Binford was assigned to the Navy as artist-correspondent for *Life* magazine. His series of paintings titled "New York Harbor at War," published in color as a six-page section in the Nov. 30, 1944, issue of *Life*, was widely acclaimed.

Binford was always an indefatigable worker. His teaching complemented his own productive work as an artist. To students he was a patient, helpful and encouraging critic, always ready to point out ways of improvement and eager to bring out the best in each one of them. The numerous scholarships won by graduates who studied under Binford were indications of his success as a teacher.

Binford was extremely modest. Many persons at the College were unaware of his wide reputation as an artist until a special exhibition of his paintings, drawings and sculpture was held in the exhibition rooms of duPont Hall in spring 1971.

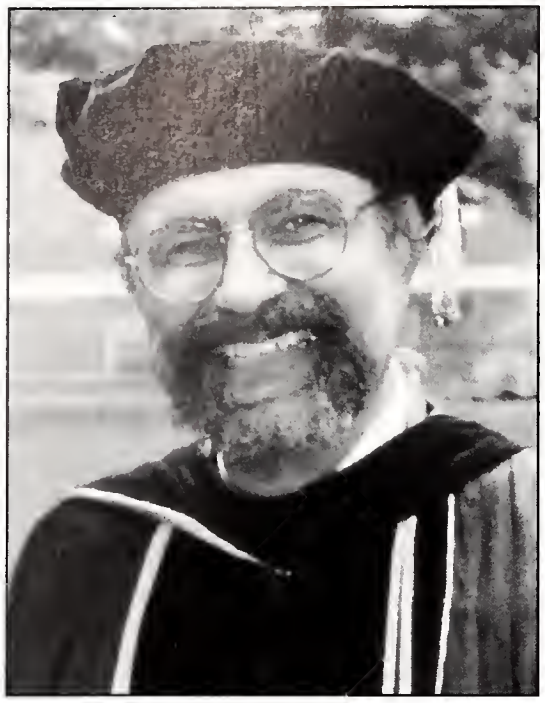
In 1971 Binford resigned his position at the College in order to devote full time to his painting. The demand for his work continued, and various commissions to execute murals, provide sculptural decorations, and supply his dealers kept him busy. Today several of his works are in the College's permanent collection.

In 1989, exhibitions of Binford's paintings were held in New York, Richmond and Atlanta. Titled "Julien Binford: Fifty Years of Painting," the exhibitions attracted large numbers of art patrons and admirers of his work.

After Elizabeth Binford passed on in 1984, Julien continued to live in the lovely home at Fine Creek Mills. But he later moved to Charlotte, N.C., where he passed away Sept. 12, 1997 at age 88.

Julien Binford was a warm, friendly, natural person. He painted with sensitivity and devotion, establishing a feeling of rapport between the artist and the viewer. His work has a freshness and originality that well exemplifies Binford's own zest for life and his desire to share its beauty with others.

Edward Alvey Jr.



Richard P. Palmieri

1945-1997

A Remembrance

The Mary Washington College community suffered a loss both immeasurable and irreparable when Richard P. Palmieri, professor emeritus of geography, died of cancer on November 18, 1997. From the moment that he joined the faculty in 1977, he had an extraordinary impact on the College, not only because he so passionately epoused the values of liberal learning upon which the institution is based, but because his very life was the embodiment of those values.

Born of Italian immigrant parents, Dick was educated in the prestigious Boston Latin School in his hometown, whence he proceeded to earn a bachelor's degree in geography and biology from the University of Massachusetts, a master's in geography from The University of Texas, and a doctorate in geography from the University of California at Davis. Along the way he spent a year doing field research in the Nepal Himalaya under the sponsorship of the National Geographic Society.

Educated in the classical tradition — steeped in ancient history, Latin, music, and the arts — Dick was that rare individual whose intellect ran both broad and deep. He was an exceptionally clear thinker, cogent writer, and compelling speaker, yet he wore his erudition lightly; no one abhorred pedantry more than he, or had greater disdain for pretentiousness.

His range of interests was remarkable, as was his capacity for enjoyment. Whether describing the installation of a plumbing trap or the intricacies of the second periphrastic conjugation, Dick seemed to know something about almost everything. And he appeared just as much at home amidst the clutter of his carpentry shop as within the cloister of the academy (as he habitually, and rather quaintly, called it). In short, he possessed the combination of intellect and humanity that enabled him to appreciate refinement and yet enjoy the commonplace as well.

In Dick's constellation of values, the first priority was always clear: his family. Though never maudlin, his affection for his wife, Nancy, and their children, Matthew and Jessica, was obvious and it was genuine.

He was at the same time deeply committed to the College — which was, to his mind, but an extension of his biological family — and he served its interests in myriad ways with devotion and distinction.

As a member of his department he placed primacy upon teaching, yet maintained a high standard of professional involvement. His scholarship, including articles in such prominent publications as the *Journal of Asian Studies* and the *Journal of Cultural Geography*, contributed substantively to the enhancement of his discipline.

As a colleague he was sympathetic and supportive — and endlessly entertaining. The most gregarious of creatures, and an exceedingly jovial one, he could regale all within earshot with raucous (and sometimes ribald) tales that never failed to produce hearty laughter, predictably including his own. He made life fun.

Aside from his professorial duties, Dick served the College in a number of ancillary positions that, while less visible, were nonetheless significant. These included many years as curator of furniture, several terms as a member of the James Monroe Board of Regents, and brief but crucially important service as interim director of the Center for Historic Preservation.

Moreover, to an exceptional extent, Dick was active in the local community beyond the campus. Hundreds of area residents, for example, benefited from the public service course that he offered annually on American antique furniture. It was in recognition of such contributions that the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star* paid him editorial tribute at the time of his death, noting that the College had "lost one of its best."

The range of Dick's endeavors and the quality of his accomplishments notwithstanding, most Mary Washington alumni will remember him most vividly and most fondly for what, preeminently, he was: a matchless teacher.

In the classroom he was a "natural" — by his own admission, something of a "ham." His pedagogic style was highly personalized, though never pandering — indeed, his criticism could be caustic — yet students loved him because his approach was at the same time so generously infused with unfailing decency and good humor.

But there was more to it than that. Though Dick's subject matter, ostensibly, was geography, the lessons that students learned in his classroom were the larger lessons of life itself — lessons about the continuing excitement of intellectual discovery, about the abiding importance of human relationships. Thus, when he received the 1997 Mortar Board Outstanding Professor Award by student vote, it was as much a testament to his character as to his expertise. Surely few persons in the history of the College have ever earned greater admiration from their students, or more genuine affection.

Although tragically foreshortened, Dick's life was nonetheless an abundant one — a life of learning, and of love, and of laughter. He had the gift of happiness, and he shared that gift extravagantly with all who had the good fortune to know him.

Dick Palmieri's spirit will long remain at Mary Washington: an indelible image in the minds of those who were his students, an enduring presence in the hearts of those who were his friends.

William B. Crawley Jr.

In memory of Professor Palmieri, the College has established the Richard P. Palmieri Scholarship in Geography. Contributions to that fund may be made c/o MWC Foundation, P.O. Box 1908, Fredericksburg, VA 22402.

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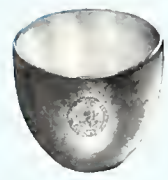

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